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RASIC OR VEST?

Jackie Charlton 'is interested'

The classical photo by Jackie Charlton — a strong man on his knees on the turf at Wembley. It was relief, thankfulness and utter exhaustion after England has won the 1966 World Cup Final against West Germany.

Jackie Charlton, the former England defender, may be Australia's national coach in two years.

So says the National Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington.

Charlton, manager of Middlesborough, was in Australia with his team last year.

Worthington spoke to him then and asked him whether he would be interested in the job of Australian national coach.

"Give me two years and I'd take it," was Charlton's answer.

Charlton, brother of Bobby Charlton, would command about $40,000 a year.

"You inherit enemies in a job like this," said national coaching director Eric Worthington (pictured) this week.

"I am weathering the storm.

Poor old Brian (Green) couldn't.

"If he has one fault it is that he is very sensitive.

"He just couldn't take any more of the sniping."

• See Green's resignation, p. 4, Worthington hits back, p 11.

Our tips for Saturday

1.	DERBY	MAN. UTD.	1
2.	SOUTH'PTON	CRYSTAL P.	X
3.	ARSENAL	TOTTENHAM	1
4.	BIRMINGHAM	ASTON VILLA	1
5.	COVENTRY	LEICESTER	X
6.	LEEDS	BURNLEY	2
7.	LIVERPOOL	EVERTON	1
8.	MIDDLESBRO'	IPSWICH	1
9.	NEWCASTLE	QPR	1
10.	NORWICH	SHEFF. UTD.	X
11.	BLACKBURN	LUTON	2
12.	BLACKPOOL	BRISTOL C.	1
13.	BOLTON	NOTT'M FOR.	1
14.	BRISTOL R.	ORIENT	1
15.	HULL	CHARLTON	1
16.	NOTTS C.	SUNDERLAND	1
17.	OXFORD UTD.	YORK	X
18.	PLYMOUTH	OLDHAM	X
19.	WEST BROM.	CARLISLE	1
20.	ALDERSHOT	WREXHAM	1
21.	CARDIFF	GRIMSBY	2
22.	CHESTERF'LD	SWINDON	X
23.	COLCHESTER	PRESTON	1
24.	GILLINGHAM	BURY	2
25.	MILLWALL	HALIFAX	2
26.	PORT VALE	HEREFORD	X
27.	ROTHERHAM	BRIGHTON	1
28.	WALSALL	PETERBORO'	X
29.	BOURNEM'TH	HARTLEPOOL	1
30.	BRENTFORD	BRADFORD C.	1
31.	CAMB'GE UTD.	DONCASTER	1
32.	CREWE	STOCKPORT	1
33.	LINCOLN	NEWPORT	X
34.	NORTH'PTON	HUDDERSF'LD	2
35.	ROCHDALE	READING	1
36.	SCUNTHORPE	DARLINGTON	X
37.	WATFORD	BARNSLEY	1
38.	WORK'GTON	TORQUAY	1
39.	HEARTS/MONT	DUMBARTON	X
46.	CELTIC	ST JOHNSTONE	2
41.	DUNDEE	AYR UTD.	2
42.	HIBERNIAN	RANGERS	X
43.	MOTH'WELL	DUNDEE UTD.	1
44.	ARBROATH	STENH'SEM'R	X
45.	BRECHIN	AIRDRIE	1
46.	CLYDEBANK	CLYDE	1
47.	DUNF'MLINE	QUEENS PK.	X
48.	EAST FIFE	STRANRAER	2
49.	FALKIRK	ALLOA	1
50.	HAMILTON	COWDENB'TH	X
51.	KILMARNOCK	BERWICK	X
52.	MORTON	E. STIRLING	1
52.	PARTICK	FORFAR	2
54.	Q. OF SOUTH	RAITH	1
55.	ST. MIRREN	MEADOWB'K	X

Who'll be the new national boss?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

It is still not known whether Rale Rasic will replace Brian Green as Australia's national coach.

Indications are that the Victorian and NSW delegates to the ASF would support any application by Rasic at the ASF executive meeting on April 10. Applications close on April 8.

However, ASF president Sir Arthur George does not appear to favor the appointment of Rasic.

He said last week he would ask two English coaches whether they are still interested in the job.

He did not name them but said they narrowly missed out when Brian Green was appointed late last year.

However, in our view, appointing someone from overseas at this late stage would be nothing short of disastrous.

Green took a along time to get used to the Australian scene, and any other import would face the same difficulties.

Sir Arthur said other well-qualified people like **Dave Maclaren** of Hakoah and the various State directors of coaching could be other possibilities.

Other applicants could include **John Warren** and **St George coach Manfred Schaefer.**

Rale Rasic

Alan Vest

The Western Australian director of coaching, Alan Vest, formerly a New Zealand international player, says he is interested in the job.

The WA delegates to the ASF would of course support any application by Vest, who led the WA State team to victory in a recent 10-nation tournament in Indonesia.

The ASF has been advertising the job of national coach since last Thursday.

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SOCCER FOR ATVO?

GTV9 and soccer are together again after their summer separation, but there are signs that the romance is cooling off.

In fact, the Victorian Soccer Federation may turn to ATV0 next year.

The VSF had a brief courtship with Channel 0 when its relationship with Channel 9 became stormy.

Channel 9 wants to make sure that courtship does not blossom.

It is seeking a year's option on television rights from the VSF.

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A soccer family

They seem to start pretty early these days. Dino Pagnin is ony 21 months old and already kicks a king-sized soccer ball.

Dino simply can't escape from soccer. His father Alberto, 29, of Avondale Heights, is the vice-secretary of Kensington United in Melbourne, and plays in the club's reserve team.

His grandfather, Italo Pagnin, is the club's equipment manager.

All his uncles, too, are involved in the club's administration.

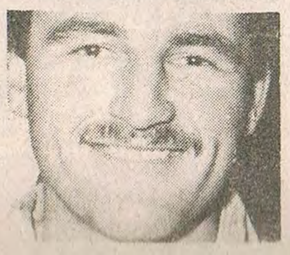
Uncle Vincent, general manager; John, secretary; Frank, public relations officer, and Tony, until recently junior coach.

— Picture and story by Frank Di Blasi.

Players of the Week

Jim Tansey (right) of Slavia and Jim Kondarios of J.U.S.T. are our Ampol Cup Players of the Week.

Each receives a dinner for two at the North Steak House, 355 North Road, South Caulfield (58-6150).



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DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	37	14	4	0	34	10	6	7	6	21	16	51
Man. Utd.	36	14	4	0	36	11	6	6	6	26	24	50
Derby Cnty	37	15	2	2	42	25	5	8	5	21	21	50
Liverpool	36	11	5	2	34	18	7	8	3	19	9	49
Leeds Utd.	35	11	3	4	33	16	7	5	5	24	21	44
Man City	34	12	5	1	39	11	2	5	9	15	20	38
Ipswich	34	8	6	3	25	16	4	8	5	16	18	38
Tottenham	37	5	9	4	29	28	7	5	7	27	28	38
Leicester	36	7	8	3	25	22	3	9	6	15	24	37
Middlesbro	36	7	7	4	18	10	6	3	9	19	25	36
Stoke	35	7	4	6	24	21	6	6	6	18	19	36
West Ham	37	10	3	6	24	21	3	5	10	20	39	34
Newcastle	34	9	4	3	42	19	3	5	10	17	30	33
Arsenal	36	10	4	4	30	14	2	5	11	12	29	33
Norwich	35	8	5	5	28	21	4	4	9	22	31	33
Everton	35	7	6	4	30	22	4	5	9	19	38	33
Coventry	36	5	8	5	18	18	5	5	8	20	30	33
Aston Villa	36	9	7	2	29	16	0	7	11	14	36	32
Birmingham	38	8	5	5	27	23	2	1	14	20	42	26
Wolves	36	5	6	7	20	22	3	3	12	22	38	25
Burnley	37	5	6	7	21	22	2	4	13	18	38	24
Sheffield Utd.	36	2	6	10	14	29	0	3	15	10	46	13

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	37	10	6	2	30	10	8	7	4	24	19	49
Sunderland	35	15	2	0	40	9	4	5	9	15	24	45
Bolton	35	10	4	3	28	11	7	6	5	23	22	44
WBA	35	7	8	2	21	11	9	3	6	19	19	43
Luton	36	11	5	2	31	13	5	3	10	18	30	40
Notts Cnty.	35	9	4	4	27	13	7	3	8	22	24	39
Southampton	35	14	2	1	40	12	2	5	11	16	31	39
Nottm. For.	36	10	1	7	26	18	4	9	5	21	20	38
Charlton	35	10	4	4	37	28	4	5	8	15	30	37
Fulham	36	9	4	2	5	12	4	5	9	17	26	36
Chelsea	36	7	7	4	23	16	5	4	9	23	29	35
Oldham	36	10	7	1	30	19	2	4	12	19	35	35
Hull	36	8	4	6	23	17	5	4	9	15	24	34
Bristol R.	35	6	7	5	17	14	4	7	6	14	22	34
Blackpool	35	6	9	3	21	20	5	3	9	12	20	34
Orient	35	9	4	5	19	11	2	7	8	12	22	33
Plymouth	37	11	4	4	33	19	0	7	11	11	29	33
Carlisle	36	7	7	4	23	20	3	5	10	15	31	32
Blackburn	36	5	6	7	19	22	4	7	7	17	23	31
Oxford	36	5	7	6	20	22	4	4	10	14	26	29
Portsmouth	36	3	5	10	11	19	5	1	12	15	30	22
York	35	7	1	10	22	30	1	5	11	9	30	22

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hereford	37	10	5	3	34	19	11	3	5	36	25	30
Brighton	39	17	1	2	53	13	4	4	11	16	31	47
Crystal Pal.	38	7	8	3	29	18	10	5	5	28	22	47
Walsall	40	11	6	3	41	19	6	5	9	25	32	45
Millwall	39	13	5	1	29	13	3	8	9	17	29	45
Cardiff	38	11	6	2	33	12	5	5	9	27	35	43
Shrewsbury	37	12	1	5	30	20	5	8	6	21	23	43
Wrexham	38	12	5	3	33	16	4	5	9	17	25	42
Peterboro	38	11	5	3	33	19	3	8	8	22	34	41
Preston	37	12	3	4	34	21	4	4	10	14	27	39
Gillingham	38	9	8	2	31	19	2	9	8	17	33	39
Port Vale	38	9	7	3	26	16	4	5	10	19	25	38
Chester	37	11	6	2	29	14	2	4	12	8	36	36
Bury	36	8	6	3	25	12	3	7	9	18	27	35
Aldershot	38	10	7	2	31	38	2	4	13	21	45	35
Mansfield	38	6	9	4	26	21	5	3	11	20	26	34
Rotherham	38	10	3	6	29	19	3	5	11	15	35	34
Chesterfld	38	8	5	6	34	24	5	2	12	22	37	33
Grimsby	38	11	6	2	34	18	1	3	15	16	44	33
Southend	37	8	5	6	35	26	2	5	11	18	34	30
Sheffld Wed.	37	8	6	5	29	24	0	8	10	11	23	30
Halifax	37	5	4	10	19	27	5	6	7	16	23	30
Colchester	38	8	4	7	20	22	2	5	12	14	37	29
Swindon	37	8	3	7	30	25	3	3	13	17	39	28

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln	36	17	2	0	58	13	8	5	4	27	19	57
Northhmpton	39	15	3	0	46	14	10	4	7	22	18	57
Tranmere	38	15	2	1	48	10	5	7	8	26	32	49
Reading	38	16	2	1	32	7	4	7	8	24	36	49
Exeter	39	11	7	2	30	10	5	6	8	18	23	45
Doncaster	39	9	5	6	40	29	9	3	7	29	28	44
Bournemth	37	13	3	2	33	12	5	4	10	16	28	43
Swansea	37	13	5	1	45	17	2	5	11	12	28	40
Watford	38	13	3	3	32	17	4	2	13	18	40	39
Torquay	38	10	4	5	25	20	5	5	9	19	36	39
Crewe	39	8	6	5	29	18	5	5	9	19	36	39
Cambridge	39	6	8	5	27	22	6	4	10	20	29	36
Barnsley	38	10	7	2	27	14	1	7	11	11	29	36
Rochdale	38	6	9	4	24	20	5	5	9	11	22	36
Stockport	38	8	6	6	23	18	4	5	9	16	40	35
Hartlepool	38	7	6	6	31	26	5	4	10	19	35	34
Brentford	37	10	5	4	29	15	2	4	12	16	35	33
Bradford	35	7	7	4	25	16	2	4	12	16	35	33
Newport	37	8	5	6	31	26	4	2	12	19	43	31
Darlington	37	7	6	5	19	13	3	2	14	16	37	28
Scunthorpe	38	8	2	9	25	22	2	5	12	13	29	27
Southport	38	3	5	11	21	30	1	4	14	11	39	17
Workington	38	5	3	11	17	30	0	3	16	6	40	16

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	28	9	3	2	32	15	10	1	3	29	15	42
Rangers	28	12	1	1	31	10	6	4	4	18	12	41
Hibernian	28	10	2	2	30	10	4	4	6	15	22	34
Motherwell	28	9	3	3	23	15	4	4	5	24	23	33
Aberdeen	29	7	4	4	24	16	3	3	8	18	24	27
Hearts	29	5	5	5	20	18	4	3	7	12	23	26
Dundee	29	6	4	4	26	22	3	3	9	16	31	25
Dundee Utd.	27	6	2	5	19	16	3	4	7	16	22	24
Ayr	28	8	2	3	22	16	2	2	11	12	31	24
St Johnstone	28	2	2	10	16	31	0	0	14	9	40	6

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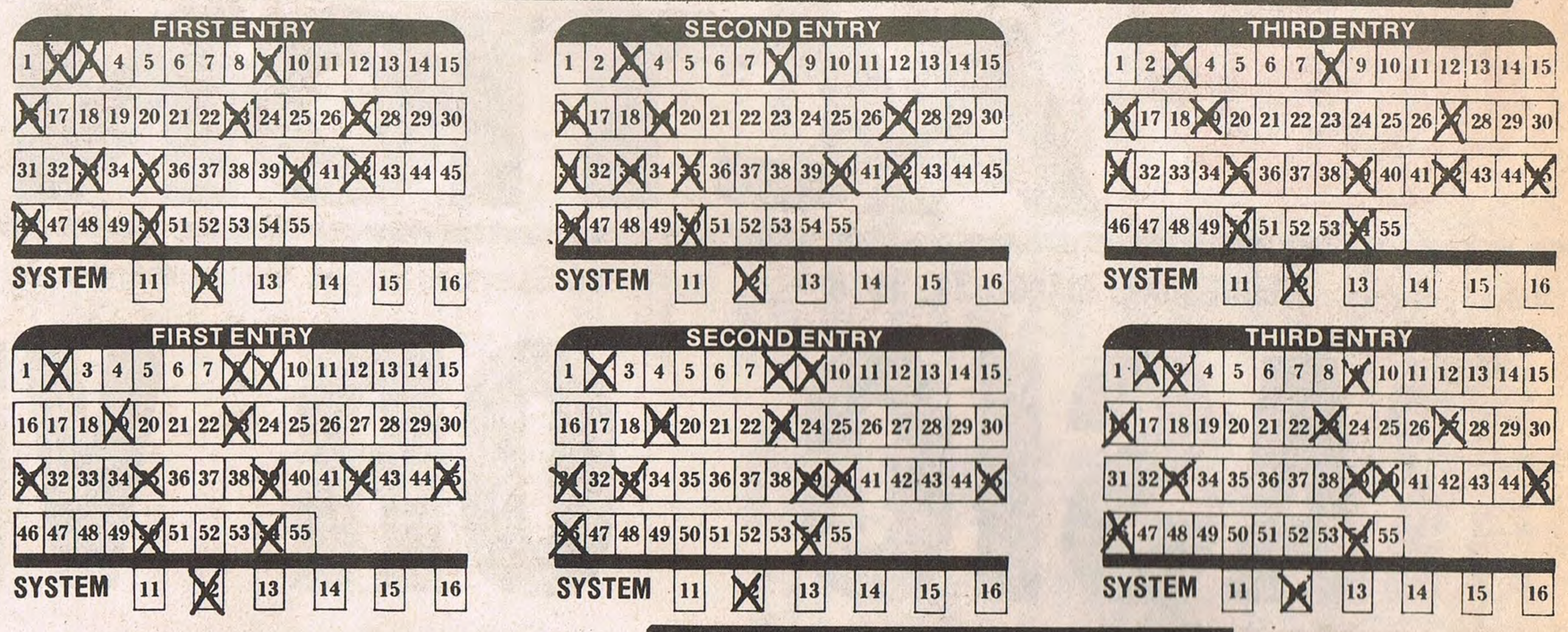

THE NUMBERS GAME

with KNUT WERNER

It sometimes seems as if we have offended the god Mammon.

Then again, if picking all the score draws were that easy this would be a land of the disgusting noveau-riche.

Shocking what? The cost to play this week is $9.

Again I have selected 18 numbers in six entries of system 12.

The numbers are combined in a way that each occurs four times.

KIDS GALORE

The Melton club held a junior soccer carnival at its ground on Saturday and Sunday.

The carnival coincided with a community services week — held every year by the Melton people.

Teams ranging from Under 8 to under 13 competed in the series at the weekend, and there were four sides in each division.

Melton plans to be playing on new grounds at McPherson Park late next month.

McPherson Park is a sporting and recreational complex involving about 200 acres.

The club will not shift from its Northcote St. Melton South ground until pitches at the new complex are adequately grassed.

Best bets

By PETER SWEENEY

SOUTH'PTON v CRYSTAL P. Third division Crystal Palace face a challenge and a half when it travels to do battle with second division Southampton. But Palace has an extremely good away record and this will place it in the box seat for a draw.

COVENTRY v LEICESTER: Both sides are draw experts. Leicester are five rungs higher on the table than Coventry, but the sides will be locked together when time runs out.

NORWICH v SHEFF. UTD.: Bottom placed Sheffield United will take on a not much higher placed Norwich. Sheffield United will give it one big shake and draw.

OXFORD UTD v YORK: A draw is the inevitable result between these two struggling teams. Oxford is in third last position and York two positions further down. Neither side is capable of beating the other, so there can be only one result.

PLYMOUTH v OLDHAM: Middle placed second division club Oldham could be in for a shock when it travels to do battle with Plymouth. Plymouth is an extremely reliable home performer, but the knowledge of the Oldham side will see it escape with a draw.

CHESTERFIELD v SWINDON: Another evenly matched game, this time between the down and out third division clubs. Everything in this match points to a draw.

PORT VALE v HEREFORD: Third division top dog Hereford faces a tough assignment when it goes to Port Vale. The Vale has dropped only two games in 18 at home, so the only thing the league leader can do is play for a tied match.

WALSALL v PETERBORO: This game will be another beauty. Little separates the teams and this will be borne out at the end of the game. Peterboro, not a good proposition away from headquarters, is keyed up to succeed against Walsall.

LINCOLN v NEWPORT: Lincoln is mighty hard to beat but the struggling Newport team may be able to nullify its brilliance.

SCUNTHORPE v DARLINGTON: These two teams hold fourth and third last positions respectively — so they can't be separated in regards to performance and ability. Home ground advantage is the influencing factor in this type of match, but this is sure to be a draw.

HIBERNIAN v RANGERS: The big battle between the Scottish kings. Third placed Hibernian has an impeccable home record — much the same as its opponents Rangers. The match, which will be keenly contested, will be drawn.

The stars

For those who trust the stars, here are your lucky numbers, chosen by our astrologer.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18) 1, 3, 7, 10, 15, 18, 19, 29, 33, 41, 55.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20) 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 16, 19, 20, 29, 33, 44.

ARIES (Mar 21 - April 19) 2, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 33, 46, 49 , 51, 52.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) 4, 9, 19, 20, 33, 39, 45, 49, 50, 51, 55.

GEMINI: (May 21 - June 20) 17, 19, 20, 23, 29, 39, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22) 2, 10, 11, 19, 20, 22, 29, 31, 36, 45, 47.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22) 19, 20, 33, 37, 39, 42, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22) 17, 26, 28, 30, 33, 37, 38, 44, 47, 49, 55.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21) 9, 10, 14, 16, 19, 29, 30, 33, 49, 50, 53.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21) 3, 4, 9, 10, 19, 29, 31, 33, 39, 40, 41.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19) 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 33, 41, 44, 49, 55.

Last week

Last week's score draws (3 points each) were match numbers — 2 11 18 19 23 28 29 35 42 55.

The scoreless match numbers (2 points each) were 1 13 24.

Vernons UK estimate the prize for 24 points (eight score draws) at $6,400.

Woman's Intuition

with MARILYN

Hello, girls,

You're lucky I'm with you this week. Almost decided to give away this mundane scribbling and entrench myself firmly in high society.

See, I had a taste of the good life last week when we dined at no less a restaurant than the legendary Walnut Tree in William Street.

They tell me that stars like **Charlton Heston, Glenn Ford, Lee Marvin** as well as Prime Ministers and other toffs dine there when they're at home. Fairly impressive, but now the guest book boasts no less a name than Marilyn herself.

Anyway, after a meal of garlic prawns, seafood cocktail and Chateaubriand, washed down by some Portuguese rose, I felt inclined to enter the jet set for good.

Then I realised it would take a little money. A lot of money. Mountains of money. In fact, I'll have to write this column for a year before I can afford another meal at the Walnut Tree. So here I am again.

The Pools tips for this week are derived from the prices I paid.

Actually, the Pools numbers don't go so high so I've had to use only one of the digits from the various prices.

Here they are: 2, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 18, 22, 24, 31, 54.

Ladies, how often do I have to offer that ageing box of chocolates? By the time someone wins it they'll have to have it fumigated.

Don't forget, the chocolates are yours if you send me the neatest, correct list of Pools numbers. Write to Marilyn, Soccer Action, 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne.

SAINTS TO SWING

St. Albans will kick off the soccer year with a smorgasbord dance at its public hall on Saturday night.

The dance is the first social function the club has held as a pre-season activity.

For the fourth successive year St. Albans will meet Green Gully Ajax away from home in the opening round.

Move to ATVO?

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The VSF will make a decision this week.

In the meantime, GTV9 will prepare to cover State League soccer on Saturday's in substantially the same way as it has for the past two years, with **Tony Charlton** and **Mike Taussig** as commentators.

The only difference is that there will be only one Saturday match, and that GTV9 will have some say in choosing that match.

Yet we had held such high hopes for a better coverage this year.

Saturday television games have been attended by a man and his dog and they have too often featured the league's most colorless teams.

Invariably, this type of soccer is compared with the edited highlights from Britain. It cannot take that type of comparison.

GTV9 and the VSF agreed at a recent meeting that Saturday's live coverage should be replaced by a Sunday night show of edited highlights.

Everyone seemed quite happy when they left that meeting but a few days later, Channel 9 explained that the new format would be too expensive.

The relationship between GTV9 and the VSF had become strained at their first meeting this year.

I believe Federation officials took exception to the lack of interest and enthusiasm shown at that meeting by Channel 9's News department, which has an important role to play in making soccer coverage successful.

When GTV9 announced it could not go ahead with the proposed Sunday night format, the Federation went to Channel O.

Soccer officals were greeted enthusiastically at Nunawading. The station was excited about the prospect of taking soccer away from Channel 9 and offered to show edited highlights on Sundays.

However, it later turned out that technical factors prevented the station from carrying out its plans, meaning soccer was back on GTV9 for 1976, the last year of the contract between the two bodies.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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Grady sold

Green Gully Ajax has bought Keilor City striker John Grady for the bargain price of only $600.

Keilor is buying Altona players **Alex Straubinger** and **Gerry Atheim** for a total of about $1200.

It has sold **Serge Karbanenko** and **Joe Sczepaniak** for a total of $1100.

Sandy Irvine

Juventus president Paul Mirabella yesterday defended his club against a report in a Sunday paper saying Juventus was keeping Sandy Irvine out of the game by demanding $6000 for him.

Mr Mirabella said Irvine had not asked Juventus for a transfer.

He said he did not want to play this year because he was too busy with his job and with building a house.

Hertha tour

Berlin club Hertha 03 is to yet make another tour of Australia next January.

This time Hertha will play in Orange and perhaps in Bathurst and Wollongong.

It will also play in Vietnam, Manila, Singapore, Auckland, Fiji, Tahiti, Mexico and Peru.

RASIC NEW BOSS?

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It is extremely important that an appointment is made quickly, as Australia has matches scheduled against Tottenham Hotspur in Sydney on May 16 and against Sunderland in Sydney on May 19 and in Melbourne on May 25.

Australia was without a regular coach for about 15 months before Brian Green was appointed, and now there is another upset in the Socceroos' preparation for their World Cup qualifying matches next year.

Rale Rasic obviously has the best credentials.

He held it for four years, from 1970 to 1974 and during that time Australia qualified for the World Cup finals in West Germany.

SUNSHINE RECRUIT

A former Scottish First Division player arrived in Melbourne on Monday to join Sunshine City.

He is midfielder **John Bernard**, 27, who had 30 senior games with East Fife from 1971 to 1974.

He was in the East Fife team that won promotion to First Division in 1971-72.

Last year he was taken to Cork Hibs in Ireland by Glasgow Rangers stalwart **Alex Willoughby** and played there with distinction.

Another Victorian player to have spent time with East Fife is **John Gardiner**, who is seeking a clearance from George Cross.

Charity game

Preston Makedonia beat Juventus 5-4 on penalties in a charity match for the Preston and Community Hospital at the weekend.

The game raised about $1500 for the hospital.

Makedonia and Juventus were level on 2-2 after 90 minutes.

David Jones and **Bill McIntyre** had scored for Makedonia and **John** and **Claude Lucchesi** for Juventus.

Makedonia converted all its penalties, but **Claude Lucchesi** missed one.

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CATANZARO $10,000 REJECTED

Juventus president Mr Paul Mirabella said this week he offered $10,000 to the other State League clubs if they agreed to have their matches shifted from Sunday, June 27, to Saturday, June 26.

He was going to use the Sunday for a match by Italian team Catanzaro.

Mr. Mirabella said that only George Cross and Ringwood Wilhelmina agreed to the proposal.

With the Sunday now unavailable, Catanzaro will have to play on a Friday night.

The date depends upon what arrangements are made for matches in Sydney and Adelaide.

Catanzaro, which is almost certain to be promoted to the Italian First Division, is being brought to Australia by Mr. Mirabella.

He has offered Catanzaro to NSW for a match fee of $22,000 but at the time we went to Press, he had had no answer.

Neither had he had an answer from Marconi, to whom he offered a mid-week match.

Mr. Mirabella said APIA had refused to play againsty Catanzaro for the $22,000 he asked for. APIA offered $10,000 instead, which Mr. Mirabella says is not enough.

He added he had offered South Australia $4000 to play its state team against Catanzaro mid-week.

Top goalkeeper transfer-listed

Mooroolbark has placed its goalkeeper, Terry Hawke, on the transfer list at his own request.

Hawke was one of Mooroolbark's best players last year, and one of the best goalkeepers in the league.

He previously played for South Coast United in NSW and Azzurri in Perth.

Hawke decided to quit Mooroolbark not long after midfielder Dave Rigby decided to seek a transfer.

Anyone interested in Hawke should ring 82 7772.

Paul Murphy — stranded without a club.

Paul Murphy may hang up his boots

Fiery Irishman Paddy Murphy who has been pushed out of the South Melbourne Hellas team by its expensive signings, Peter Ollerton and Duncan Cummings, says he may quit soccer.

Murphy says he is "sick of being messed about" in his attempts to get a transfer from Hellas.

Murphy scored 24 goals in league and cup matches for George Cross in 1974.

It was on the strength of that achievement that Hellas bought him last year for $6000.

However, Murphy did not fit in at Hellas. He did not have a **John Gardiner** to give him the ball and he had to share possession in attack with **Ulysses Kokkinos** and Hellas' traditional goalscorer, **Jim Armstrong.**

As a result of all that, plus his own lack of sparkle last year, Murphy scored only one league goal for Hellas, two in the Dockerty Cup and one in the State league cup — a total of four.

But Murphy and many expert observers believe that he can recapture his 1974 form and once again be a power in Melbourne soccer.

But first he needs a transfer.

He trained with Hakoah for a while but officials told him Hellas was asking for too much money. Apparently the price was $5500.

George Cross tried to get him back. The deal was to be that Hellas get the Cross' disgruntled star John Gardiner and that the Cross get Murphy plus $2000.

However, Hellas would go no further than a straight swap. Murphy is getting sick of it all.

The 27-year-old St. Kilda postman says he'll hang up his boots if something doesn't happen soon.

Hellas president **Sam Papasavas** said: "I certainly don't want to see Paul out of the game.

"He is on the transfer list and it is up to him to get a club interested in signing him.

"We will be happy to negotiate with anyone but Paul has to realise that we want back at least part of the money we paid George Cross for him."

Juniors chief will quit

Secretary of the Victorian Junior League Management Committee, Mr David Fairbairn, will announce his retirement at a meeting tomorrow night (Thursday).

The junior meeting will be held in the Braille Hall, Tyrone Street, Prahran.

Mr Fairbairn will resign from the honorary position for health reasons. It will be hard to find a replacement for him.

At the meeting, junior club representatives will be handed draws for the season and a programme of the year's activities.

This year there are 60 junior leagues in the Victorian metropolitan area — an increase of 12 from last year.

The leagues will involve about 520 teams — an increase of 80. There will be 13 new clubs.

Tyrone Street is off Commercial Road and the meeting will start at 7.30 p.m.

Soccer team is entered in Jewish games

For the first time, Australia has nominated a soccer team for the Jewish Maccabbean Games to be played in Israel next year.

About 150 men and women from many sports will represent Australia in the Games.

Australian team organisers are looking for players who want to try out for the soccer team.

The stipulation is that they have to be Jewish.

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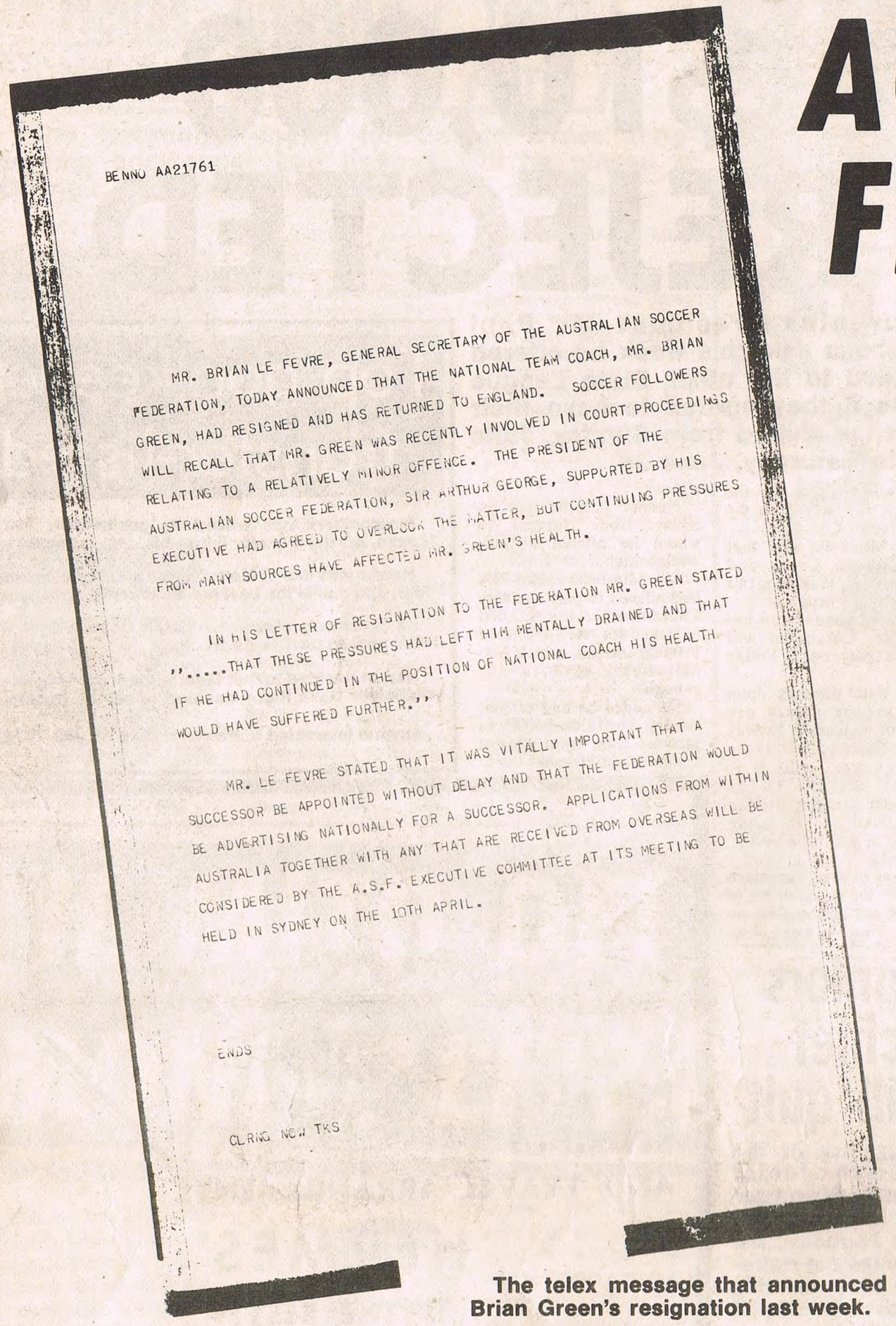
BRIAN GREEN: ODDS WERE AGAINST HIM FROM START

By LAURIE SCHWAB



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MR. BRIAN LE FEVRE, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION, TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE NATIONAL TEAM COACH, MR. BRIAN GREEN, HAD RESIGNED AND HAS RETURNED TO ENGLAND. SOCCER FOLLOWERS WILL RECALL THAT MR. GREEN WAS RECENTLY INVOLVED IN COURT PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO A RELATIVELY MINOR OFFENCE. THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION, SIR ARTHUR GEORGE, SUPPORTED BY HIS EXECUTIVE HAD AGREED TO OVERLOOK THE MATTER, BUT CONTINUING PRESSURES FROM MANY SOURCES HAVE AFFECTED MR. GREEN'S HEALTH.

IN HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION TO THE FEDERATION MR. GREEN STATED ".....THAT THESE PRESSURES HAD LEFT HIM MENTALLY DRAINED AND THAT IF HE HAD CONTINUED IN THE POSITION OF NATIONAL COACH HIS HEALTH WOULD HAVE SUFFERED FURTHER."

MR. LE FEVRE STATED THAT IT WAS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT A SUCCESSOR BE APPOINTED WITHOUT DELAY AND THAT THE FEDERATION WOULD BE ADVERTISING NATIONALLY FOR A SUCCESSOR. APPLICATIONS FROM WITHIN AUSTRALIA TOGETHER WITH ANY THAT ARE RECEIVED FROM OVERSEAS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE A.S.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING TO BE HELD IN SYDNEY ON THE 10TH APRIL.

ENDS

CLRNG NOW TKS

The telex message that announced Brian Green's resignation last week.

• BRIAN GREEN

About a month after Brian Green arrived in Australia late last year, he said: "I don't like being prejudged. Let me get on with the job and judge me on my results."

Already, Green had withdrawn a little under the weight of criticism by a public and press generally sympathetic towards the former national coach, Rale Rasic.

He was no longer quite as carefree as he had been at his Press conference after getting off the plane that brought him here from England.

At that Press conference he declared, Muhammad Ali-style: "I'm a winner. I have not come 12,000 miles to fail. I'm a man who doesn't fail.

BEST MAN

"I think the Australian Soccer Federation has picked the best man in England for the job.

"I'm a positive thinker. My track record is good after nine years as a coach and 15 years as a player in all four divisions and in nine positions on the field. I've had a long apprenticeship."

The difference between the man who arrived and the man who left almost without word last week was vast.

Before Australia's match against New Zealand in Melbourne, he was quiet, and worried although as friendly as ever.

After Australia had won 3-1, a touch of the bravado returned. "They haven't seen anything yet," he declared triumphantly.

But the pressures on him could not be shut out by that moment of glory.

A few weeks erlier he had been convicted on a charge of shoplifting. He had taken two LP records from a shop in Sydney.

Australian Soccer Federation president **Sir Arthur George** reaffirmed his faith in Brian Green and the national squad players announced publicly that they stood behind him.

Other people in soccer did not react as kindly.

Wherever he went, the subject was brought up and there was still opposition that had lingered from the very start from those who had opposed the rejection of Rasic.

In his letter of resignation to the ASF, Green said the pressures on him had left him mentally drained and that his health had deteriorated.

His wife **Norma** and sons **Max**, 8, and **Simon**, 5, were back home in England. Mrs. Green was supervising building work on their house back home. Perhaps he would have withstood the pressures had they been here, with him.

But the fact remians that the odds were stacked against him from the start.

It did not take long for him to become disillusioned.

About eight weeks ago, when he was in Melbourne, he told me was disappointed with the reception he had been given.

He was disappointed with the soccer set-up in Australia and said so in various articles he wrote in **"Soccer Action"**.

NEW OUTLOOK

He was disappointed that the national league was not to kick off as scheduled in March this year. The national league was one of the reasons he had taken the job, he said.

He mentioned people "speaking with forked tongue".

In retrospect, Green probably retained his optimism for a little too long, thus allowing the politics and jealousies of Australian soccer to bring him down.

Perhaps it would have been better for him and his health to have resigned before the court case, but then he was reluctant to let down the people who placed their trust in him.

He battled on valiantly but eventually he could go on longer.

Brian Green, the former Sheffield Wednesday striker who, in 20 months, as coach of English team Chester, won himself a reputation that made him Coach of the Year of the Football League Coaches' and Trainers' Association, applied a new approach to the Austrlian national team.

He explained that approach in **"Soccer Action"** on March 3, saying:

GOALS THE AIM

"I want to put fun back into the game. I may not be successful, but I'm willing to put my head on the chopping block and try.

"I want soccer to entertain people. Of course it's extremely important to a coach to win games, but to win and to play attractively at the same time is the ultimate.

"I want to strive for that. I want to try to produce an interesting product that people will want to watch.

"Don't get me wrong. I take my hat off to all concerned for getting into the World Cup finals, for it was a magnificent achievement.

"I came here not knowing what methods, what ideas had been used. I came here wanting to try my own ideas.

"Basically, my ideas are about goals. Goals are the name of the game, so I go out to try to win a game rather than to try not to lose it."

The victory over New Zealand epitomised this attacking style, which was also evident in Australia's 1-2 loss to the USSR at Olympic Park.

If, at times, this style exposed the defence, it was mainly because the style was still being formulated. It had a long way to go before it could work properly, but Green was on the right track.

Perhaps the NSW Federation did not have Green's court conviction in mind when it "sacked" him from the post of NSW Director of Coaching.

That didn't prevent speculation, although NSW made it clear it was dispensing with Green's services only because his duties in NSW had not been defined.

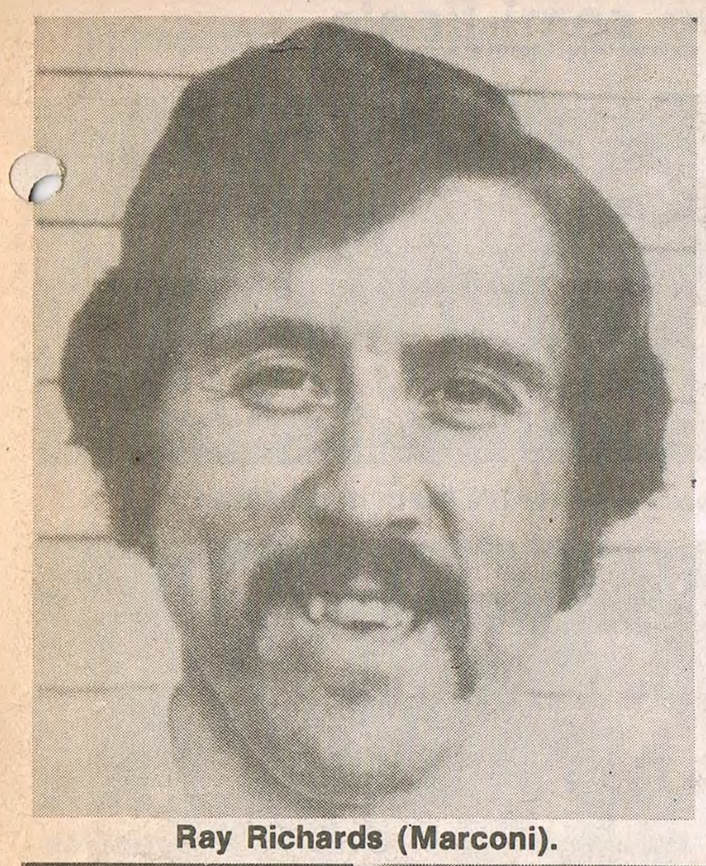
Australia's record under Brian Green was:

0-0 v. USSR in Perth; 0-3 v. USSR in Adelaide; 1-2 USSR, Melbourne; 0-0 v. USSR, Brisbane; 2-3 v. USSR, Sydney; 1-1 v. USSR, Newcastle; 2-2 v. Velez Mostar, Sydney; 1-0 v. New Zealand, Auckland; 3-1 v. New Zealand, Melbourne.

The summary is: played 9, won 2, drew 4, lost 3; scored 10 goals, conceded 12.

The players he used, with the numbers of games played by each one, are:

Peter Wilson 9, Colin Bennett 9, Agenor Muniz 9, Todd Clarke 8, Doug Utjesenovic 8, Dave Harding 8, Murray Barnes 8, Peter Ollerton 7, John Nyskohus 6, Ernie Campbell 6, Jim Rooney, 6, Gary Byrne 6, Ray Ilott 4, Jim Tansey 4, George Harris 3, Harry Williams 2, Rodolfo Gnavi, John Russell, Alan Maher, Attila Abonyi, Mark Jankovic one each.



Ray Richards (Marconi).

RICHARDS RICHEST PLAYER?

By PETER SWEENEY

Who's the most well-paid player in Australia? The question is asked often but the answer is always speculative.

Players won't talk about their earnings, which is understandable, and of course there's no way you'll get an answer from the clubs.

Dave Harding (Wests)

Ernie Campbell (Marconi)

Agenor Muniz (Hakoah)

So you rely on educated guesses and the opinions of those in the know.

That sort of information provides us with a rough guide, and we stress the word rough.

The popular opinion seems to be that Marconi-Fairfield captain Ray Richards, currently in dispute with the club, is probably the highes-paid player in Sydney.

If he is, would he also be the highest paid in Australia?

Who knows? Certainly he would have no rivals in Adelaide, Queensland or Perth, but we suspect there's at least one man in Melbourne who could challenge him.

That man is **Jack Reilly** of Fitzroy-Alexander. The former World Cup goalkeeper is also coach of Alexander, so probably it's not strictly correct to compare his earnings with those of other players.

The same goes for other player-coaches, like **David Gorrie** of Juventus and **Ron Corry** of Manly.

If Ray Richards is Australia's most highly-paid player, then he's not far ahead of Marconi team mate **Ernie Campbell, Jim Rooney** (APIA), **Willie Wallace** (APIA), **Peter Wilson** (Wests), **Rodolfo Gnavi** (Pan Hellenic), **Agenor Muniz** (Hakoah) or **Dave Harding** (Wests).

All are said to be in the $5000-$6000 bracket, including match fees.

St George's Argentinian recruits **Carlos Mendez** and **Berto Echeverria** may also be close to that bracket when they arrive next month.

Richards is the popular choice mainly because he was also Marconi's coach last year.

As coach he would have been earning much more money than his players and even though he has been replaced as coach by **Rale Rasic**, we doubt that his wage has been cut drastically.

Peter Wilson (Wests) in action for Australia against the USSR.

Jack Reilly (Alexander)

Jim Rooney (APIA)

Willie Wallace (APIA)

Expect big things from Riverside

Soccer has hit Sydney's Cabramatta-Canley Vale area in a big way.

Riverside - Avala has come into existence through the amalgamation of second division teams Riversdie-Rapid and Cabravala.

The new club will play its home games at Parkes reserve, Canley Vale, which is five minutes walking distance from Carramar railway station.

A new grandstand has recently been built at the ground. It will hold 1000 people and a smaller covered area catering for players and officials will be built later in the year.

The club's co-patrons are the mayor of Fairfield, **Alderman E.F.C. Loveday** and **Mr Dick Tosic,** a former member of the South Australian Soccer Federation.

The executive of the club includes **Mr Bill Moser,** chairman of the second division, president **Mr George Resic,** vice president **Mike Ilic,** treasurer **Danny Sesum** and team manager **Slavko Rosic.**

Coach of Riverside — Avala is former Yugal player **Steve Lalic** with his brother **Paul** the ground manager.

Four members of the team — **Ahrens, Hardy, Magill** and **Porter** — represented the second division when it beat a Canberra squad 3-1 earlier this month.

All these players, with the exception of **Peter Ahrens,** have played first grade.

Ahrens is one of the most promising goalkeepers in New South Wales.

Some of the team's more prominent players include **Okon Kehagias, Trimentzios, Schmidt,** and **Hendricks** from Riverside Rapid and **Apostolovsky, Milanovic, Ostroic, Scoric** and **Tregetaris** from Cabravale.

Riverside — Avala played its first home match of the season — against Melita Eagles on Sunday.

The club paid a record second divison sum of $3000 to obtain **Tomislav Mihajlovic** from Melbourne State League club Preston — Makedonia.

Mihajlovic originally played with Sydney side Yugal.

Johnny Cudek, leading goalscorer with Riverside — Rapid last year, will play for the newly formed club.

Former Marconi player **John Manessi** is coaching youngsters at Parkes Reserves. Between 6-30 and 8-30 every evening and boys are invited to attend.

Savage is for sale

South Melbourne Hellas forward Andy Savage is on the transfer list.

Savage is pictured (left) chasing J.U.S.T. full back Alan Parrott during an Ampol Cup match at Olympic Park.

Slavia at the Park

Slavia has been given permission to share Olympic Park with Juventus and George Cross despite an earlier decision by the VSF not to allow more than two clubs to share a ground.

This earlier decision was made because there will be five games on Sundays this year and only one on Saturdays.

Therefore you could have two or three clubs sharing a ground both being drawn to play at home on the same Sunday.

COMING

Juventus recruit Uli Pfisterer (pictured) from Berlin arrives in Melbourne on Monday.

Pfisterer, 25, was in th 1972 West Germany Olympic squad and plays for Berlin regional league club Westend.

He previously played for Hertha 03, which has toured Australia a number of times.

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HELLAS: ARMSTRONG, OLLERTON, CUMMINGS

OR

JUST: BULJEVIC, RISTOVSKI, PALINKAS

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LAURIE SCHWAB looks at the Victorian Ampol Cup semi-finals.

Exit Sunshine - with dignity

Lady Luck smiled on Footscray J.U.S.T. on Saturday night. Had she frowned even slightly, Sunshine City and not J.U.S.T., would have qualified for the Ampol Cup Final.

Sunshine's Jim McRobert skips past Jim Kondarios.

Sunshine attacked for almost the entire second half and would have scored had its forwards been a little bigger and little stronger.

As it turned out, the J.U.S.T. defence was just too powerful for little **Jim McRobert**, who had a good game, and the equally small **Tommy Cumming.**

Once the J.U.S.T. back four have their backs against the wall, they're extremely difficult to pass.

Part of Sunshine's surpremacy was due to a shrewd tactical move by coach **Bobby Mc Lachaln.**

He assigned **Chris Petrov** to mark **Mendo Ristovski**, putting the little forward out of the game and robbing JUST of its sting.

Joe Palinkas tried to compensate for Ristovski's demise but J.U.S.T. lost Palinkas as well when he limped off the field injured five minutes after half time.

That left **Branko Buljevic.**He broke through a few times but there was no-one left to play with.

At other times, **Peter Lewis** brough him down with solid tackles.

Frank Mussel intercepted well in defence and centre back Steve Kokska tackled fiercely, leaving little for goalkeeper **Bill Johnson** to do.

If there was a fault about Sunshine's play, it was its ineffective midfield work.

Ian McCarthy ran with the ball too much and went square too often.

Wilf Laing did little with the ball in the first half, although he improved later. Even Mussel failed to generate moves with good passes, although he was effective in defence.

J.U.S.T. scored the only goal of the match in the 5th minute when bit **Jim Kondarios** rose high to head home a corner by Palinkas.

Then McRobert hit the bar from the left wing and J.U.S.T. goalkeeper **Dennis Boland** dived at the feet of **Tommy Cumming** after a good one-two between the winger and **Kaz Piotrowski.**

Frank Micíc replaced Slobodan Zoraja at half time. Micic must play the full match in the final, and he must be used to help the forwards, who will be hard presed to make an impression on the strong Hellas rearguard.

Jim McRobert had Sunshine's best chance to equalise.

He found himself in the clear 12 metres from goal but he miskicked, sending the ball dribbling harmelessly towards Boland, who had a fine game.

A word about J.U.S.T.'s 17-year-old midfielder Zoran Ilioski.

He uses the ball better than most teenagers I have seen. He plays with intelligence far beyond his years and his is destined for representative football.

HELLAS OR J.U.S.T.?

Victoria's most expensive soccer players clash in the Ampol Cup final at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

Hellas has a slight edge on form, but JUST can play much better than it did against Sunshine last week.

Whoever wins, the match promises to be a highlight of the 1976 season.

Both teams are packed with talent and both play skilful, attractive soccer.

JUST will probably use **Frank Micic** for the full 90 minutes rather than for only one half, the way he was used last week.

JUST is hoping that **Joe Palinkas** recovers in time from the injury sustained against Sunshine.

Hellas should line up with **Steve Walker** and **Chris Kalafatides** although both of them suffered injuries against Alexander last week.

The outcome of the match will depend upon which of the two star-studded forward lines shows better form and greater fight.

JUST has **Ristovski, Buljevic** and **Palinkas.** Hellas has **Cummings, Ollerton** and **Armstrong.** Take your pick.

The likely line-ups, with shirt numbers, are:

HELLAS
1. KENNEDY
2. PYE 4. XANTHOPOULOS 5. WALKER 3. BATTICCIOTTO
6. KALAFATIDES 9. MACKAY 8. BOURNE
7. CUMMINGS 10. OLLERTON 11. ARMSTRONG
Subs.: Daperis, Andrews.

10. BULJEVIC 11. RISTOVSKI 8. PALINKAS
6. ILIOSKI 8. MICIC 9. PICIOANE
3. KAZI 5. KONDARIOS 4. KRIARIS 2. PARROTT
1. BOLAND
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Subs.: Zoraja, Adamgikis, Ristic.

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Mackay shines in Greek showdown

Hellas coach Brian Edgley was beaming after his team had beaten Alexander 2-0 in their semi-final.

"We played them just right," he said. "We were the better side all round.

"If we had exerted ourselves a bit more, we could have done even better.

"Nevertheless, the three up front, Peter Ollerton, Duncan Cummings and **Jim Armstrong,** ran tremendously well — there was a lot of work, a lot of sweat.

"Jimmy Mackay never put a foot wrong. He dictated play for the 90 minutes.

"I thought a big plus for us was the return to form by **Duncan Cummings** who did a lot of work up front, apart from scoring that first goal."

Hellas' task was made a little easier when Alexander lined up without right back **Vince Bannon,** midfielder **Keith Webster** and striker **Gary Cole** who were all injured.

Filling in for the injured players were Scottish recruit **Ian Millar** at left back (**Mike Stogiannou** was on the right); and **Arthur Rellis** and **Les Thomson,** both in midfield.

Walker twisted his ankle and was replaced by **Howard Andrews** in the 50th minute.

The crowd of 8592 came alive early in the game when Rellis, the former New York Cosmos squad member, hit the bar from 30 metres.

Alexander was having a lot more of the play than one would expect with so many absent players.

Despite the many build-ups by Alexander, it managed no worthwhile shots at goal.

Only **John Nicolaides** managed to look dangerous on occasions.

For the rest of the time, **Steve Walker** and especially **Arthur Xanthopoulos,** were rock-like in defence.

When will Xanthopoulos get recognition from the national team selectors? He's so cool, so skilful, so constructive.

Four minutes before half time, Kalafatides slammed a long ball into attack, aimed at Cummings. It was one of those surprise balls Hellas should use more often.

Cummings ran onto it and used his undoubted skill to lob it over Jack Reilly for the first goal.

Cummings tested Reilly with a rocket like drive seven minutes into the second half, then Nicolaides did the same at the other end but hit the side netting.

Makay and Bourne had full control of the midfield now.

Les Thomson was rarely sighted, **Rellis** had lost his effectiveness, **Andrew Bozikas** had never got into the game and even **Ian Gibson** was having trouble.

In the 61st. minute, Bourne sent a 35-metre cross to Ollerton standing at the far post.

The tall striker headed over Reilly, into the top corner from an acute angle for Hellas' second goal.

Hellas defender Arthur Xanthopoulos (right) shadows Ian Gibson.

XANTHOPOULOS AND LERCH WERE BEST

Eugene Lerch of Polonia and Arthur Xanthopoulos of Hellas were best players of the Ampol Cup preliminary rounds.

33 votes in the "Soccer News" player ratings. Top vote-getters were:

33 Lerch (Polonia), Xanthopoulos (Hellas).
32 Ristovski (JUST), Bourne (Hellas), Cole (Alexander).
31 Tansey (Slavia), O'Reilly (Slavia), Hammond (Hak), Baker (Hak), Durand (Hak), C. Lucchesi (Juv), Maitland (GC), McIntyre (Mak), Boland (JUST), P. Bannon (Alex).

Points including semi-finals:

40 Xanthopoulos (Hellas).
38 Bourne (Hellas).
37 Boland (JUST), P. Bannon (Alexander).

Semi-final details

HELLAS 2 (Cummings 41st. min., Ollerton 61st) ALEXANDER 0.

Player ratings, out of 10.

HELLAS: Kennedy 5; Pye 6, Xanthopoulos 7, Walker 6 (injured, sub. Andrews 50th, 4), Batticciotto 5; Kalafatides 5, (inj. sub Daperis 64th); Mackay 7, Bourne 6; Cummings 6, Ollerton 6, Armstrong 6.

ALEXANDER: Reilly 5; Stogiannou 6; Nelson 7; Bannon 6; Miller 5; Rellis 5; Thomson 5; Gibson 6, Bozikas 5; Nicolaides 6; Gillan 5.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Kondarios 5th) SUNSHINE 0.

JUST: Boland 6; Parrot 6, Kondarios 7, Kriaris 6, Kazi 6; Ilioski 6, Zoraja 5 (Micic half time 5), Picioane 5; Panlinkas 6 (inj. sub Adamgikis 4, 5th), Ristovski 4, Buljevic 6.

SUNSHINE: Johnson 5; Lewis 6, Kokosko 6, Petrov 6, Howe 5, Mussel 6, Laing 5, McCarthy 5, Cumming 6, Piotrowski 5, McRobert 6.

Last Wednesday

HELLAS 2 (Armstrong 2) SLAVIA 1 (O'Reilly).

HELLAS: Kennedy 6; Pye 5, Xanthopoulos 6, Kalafatides 5, Batticciotto 6; Cummings 5, Mackay 6, Bourne 5, Daperis 5; Ollerton 6, Armstrong 7.

SLAVIA: Whiteside 5; J. Train 6, McCombe 6, Tansey 7, Owens 6; McElhinney 6, Symington 6, OReilly 7; Moore 5 (sub Pinakos), Patten 5, McFarlane 6.

ALEANDER 2 (Gibson, Murphy own goal) GEORGE CROSS 1 (Smart)

ALEXANDER: Reilly 6, V. Bannon 5, P. Bannon 5, Nelson 5, Stogiannou 6; Webster 6, Gibson 5, Thomson 5; Nicolaides 5, Gillan 6, Cole 5, (Rellis 4).

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 5, Thomson 6, Maitland 7, J. Webb 5, Kelly 5, Deeming 6, Mifsud 5 (sub D. Murphy), Smart 6, Veljanovski 6, Walker 6, Hill 5.

Team of the Week

BOLAND (JUST)
PARROT (JUST) KONDARIOS (JUST) XANTHOPOULOS (Hellas) STOGIANNOU (Alexander)
O'REILLY (Slavia) MACKAY (Hellas) BOURNE (Hellas)
CUMMINGS (Hellas) OLLERTON (Hellas) ARMSTRONG (Hellas)

OLLERTON SCORES 4

Hellas striker Peter Ollerton showed off his goalscoring ability by ramming home four in Victoria's 9-1 victory over Ballarat City at Ballarat last Sunday.

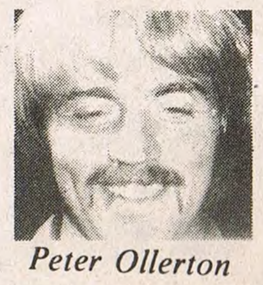
It was a training match for Victoria, in preparation for its clash with South Australia in Adelaide on April 25 and with Tottenham Hotspur in Melbourne on May 9.

The Vics thrilled the Ballarat crowd of about 500 with some fast, attacking soccer.

Ollerton's four-goal feat was supplemented by goals from **Mendo Ristovski, Dave Rigby, Jim Tansey, Peter Bourne** and **Bobby McLachlan** who came on for a run after half time.

Victoria's line-up was: **Reilly** (Laumets); **Hammond, Vaughan, Kondarios, Tansey; Bourne, Sabidussi, Rigby; J. Train (McLachlan), Ollerton, Ristovski.**

The best players were **Ollerton, Bourne, Rigby** and **Tansey.**



Peter Ollerton

Ballarat, to its credit, kept plugging away and showed enough to suggest it will have a successful season in the Fourth Division.

Some of its younger players showed a lot of potential.

At a barbecue after the game, Victorian official **John Barclay** made a presentation to Ballarat official **Jim Oliver** and his wife.

Victoria is now planning matches against Bendigo and Geelong.

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Heavy week for Wests

Western Suburbs will have to front up twice within four days for an early test of stamina following their deferred match last weekend.

The Ampol Cup champions play Wollongong City at the Sports Ground tonight (Wednesday), before the APIA — South America clash to aid Guatamala earthquake victims.

The Wests — Wollongong game was scheduled for last Friday and again for Sunday, but could not go ahead.

Wests can expect a tough game against the boys from the South Coast who are anxious to erase memories of their 6-0 defeat in the first round.

And next Saturday Wests face another torrid time at the hands of the high flying St George.

Saints have rattled up 12 goals in two games and coach **Manfred Schaefer** seems to be setting a half dozen target as a matter of course to keep Saints on top.

Wollongong has at least one extra day's respite before it backs up again to face Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs at Berkeley Sports Ground on Sunday.

Granville and Auburn meet in the local derby at Garside Park with each of the teams looking for its first win of the season.

Pick of the Sunday matches seems to be Pan Hellenic v APIA at Wentworth Park.

Sutherland faces South Sydney at Seymour Shaw Park while Marconi has the chance to follow the lead set by APIA and Souths in earning its first win at the expense of battling Manly at Marconi Oval.

PRSKALO GREETED BY FIERY SAINTS

St George's vastly superior forward skills gave it a crushing 6-1 victory over Marconi at Hurstville Oval.

Although only one up at half time St George always looked capable of adding to its score, which it did with a vengeance after the break.

Marconi goalkeeper **Bob Knezevic** who was substituting for injured **Alan Maher,** haad a nightmare afternoon and three of the goals resulted directly from his inexperience.

St. George took the lead in the 20th minute when a long, accurate free kick from **Doug Utjesenovic** was headed home by **Neville Morgan.**

One minute after half time Utjesenovic, who was given ample freedom to move throughout the whole game, lobbed the ball home from the edge of the penalty area to put the Saints two up.

Although **Ernie Campbell** pulled one back for Marconi nine minutes later, it was only a question of time before St. George went further ahead.

The Marconi defence gave its struggling goalkeeper no cover in the last 20 minutes and two quick goals from **Atti Abonyi** and two late goals by **Mark Jankovic** completed the rout.

Abonyi showed flashes of skill, particularly in the second half.

Marconi's new Yugoslav import, Ivo Prskalo, played as sweeper and revealed coolness under pressure and undoubted ability.

Marconi is obviously missing the midfield skills of transfer-listed **Ray Richards.**

Attila Abonyi

Kaput when Doyle faded

John Doyle had his moments with South Sydney, and APIA is finding that it was "those moments" which induced it to sign the strong running midfielder.

Prompted by Doyle, APIA seemed likely to run away with the game against Sutherland at Lambert Park.

APIA did win 2-0, but when Doyle faded during the second half, so did the rest of the team.

Sutherland, still missing midfielder **John McDonald,** opened full of enthusiasm against an APIA combination missing **Willie Wallace** and **Billy Rogers.**

But after **Tony Morsello** stabbed home the first goal in the 16th minute, the visitors fell to pieces.

In the 30th minute **Roy McCormack** beat goalkeeper **Mal Haynes** with a low; hard drive and APIA seemed set to really hammer home its advantage.

But the dispirited and disorganised Sutherland managed to hang on and even on occsions threaten the APIA goal.

Silva peps up Hakoah

Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs made heavy weather of its 3-0 win over Granville at Wentworth Park.

It labored to lead 1-0 at half time through an 18-metre drive by **Terry Smith** a ball which Granville goalkeeper **Steve Watson** should have held.

The team looked more convincing when **Hilton Silva** came in on the left wing in the 65th minute and **Graham Honeyman** moved into the centre.

Silva immediately crossed the ball for Honeyman to close in on the Granville goal and score with a six-metre stab.

Hakoah's goal had come 10 minutes after half time from a measured 12-metre drive by **Joe Watson.**

Watson, the little Hakoah forward who had proved a handful for Granville by constantly moving into open space received his marching orders from referee Brian Fowler in the 77th minute.

Watson made the mistake of continuing to argue about the placement of a ball for a free kick.

Best player was Hakoah's **Alex Robertson** who used the ball in masterful fashion to keep his side moving forward.

Gnavi stars again

Three goals in a ll-minute burst gave Pan Hellenic a convincing win over struggling Auburn at Mona Park.

Hellenic won 4-1, but there was rarely such a wide margin between the sides in slippery, trying conditions.

It was striker **Don Allen,** signed from Granville for $2,000 in the off season, who notched the crucial first goal for Hellenic.

Auburn, its confidence shattered, offered only limited resistance from that point, and further goals came from replacement **Stuart Gilmour** and **Jim Izatt.**

It was Izatt who had levelled the scores shortly before half time with a penalty after **Bruce Stowell** had been pulled down inside the box by full back **Alan Gibson.**

Auburn hd opened the scoring in the ninth minute when **Terry Jones** put the finishing touches to some fine lead-up work by **Pat Deller** and **Gary Quested.**

Hellenic's Argentinian midfielder **Rodolfo Gnavi** constantly set his team on the offensive with clever, well timed passing.

Manly out of its depth

First division whipping post Manly collected six goals in the opening premiership round and had the dose repeated by South Sydney at the Athletic Field on Sunday.

Souths won 6-0, emphasising the vast chasm between first and second division football in Sydney.

Souths are not a side noted for dishing out one-sided hidings, and their present team is not one of the strongest they have had in recent years.

But Manly, after holding on grimly for the first 20 minutes, was unable to counter the likes of **Maurice Sullivan** and **Jeff Whalley.**

Sullivan's penetration and understanding with Whalley earned him four goals as Souths romped freely through the afternoon.

And it was captain-coach Corry on the receiving end of his former club's fury, after recovering from the cracked ribs which kept him out of last weekend's 6-0 debacle against APIA.

Whalley and **Steve Pollard,** Souths forward acquisition from APIA, ran rings around the Manly defence to pave the way for Sullivan's scoring spree and joined in by notching a goal each themselves.

Corry may be able to take his charges back to the drawing board, but in first division Soccer only the strong survive.

DETAILS

South Sydney 6 (Sullivan 4, Whalley, Pollard) Manly 0. Attendance: 1,599.

Men of the match: 3 — Maurice Sullivan (Souths) 2 — Jeff Whalley (Souths) 1 — Ian Stone (Souths).

Pan Hellenic 4 (Izatt 2, Allen Gilmour) D. Auburn 1 (Jones). Attendance: 2,238.

Men of the match: 3 — Jim Izatt (Pan Hellenic) 2 — Bruce Stowell (Pan Hellenic) 1 — Pat Deller (Auburn).

St George 6 (Abonyi 2, Jankovic 2, Morgan, Utjesenovic) D. Marconi 1 (Campbell). Attendance: 1,904.

Men of the match: 3 — Doug Utjesenovic (St George) 2 — Atti Abonyi (St George) 1 — Mark Jankovic (St George).

Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs 3 (Smith, Watson, Honeyman) D. granville 0. Attendance: 453.

Men of the match: 3 — Alex Robertson (Hakoah) 2 — Agenor Muniz (Hakoah) 1 — Henry Mowbray (Hakoah).

APIA-Leichardt 2 (Morsello, McCormack) D Sutherland 0. Attendance: 2,404.

Men of the match: 3 — John Doyle (APIA) 2 — Jimmy Rooney (APIA) 1 — Roy McCormack (APIA).

Western Suiburbs v. Wollongong City — rescheduled for Sports Ground tonight (Wednesday).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St George	2	2	—	—	12	1	4
APIA	2	2	—	—	8	0	4
Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs	2	2	—	—	5	0	4
South Sydney-Croatia	2	1	1	—	7	1	3
Western Suburbs	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Pan Hellenic	2	1	—	1	4	3	2
Auburn	2	—	1	1	3	6	1
Sutherland	2	—	1	1	2	4	1
Marconi-Fairfield	2	—	1	1	2	7	1
Wollongong City	1	—	—	1	0	6	0
Granville	2	—	—	2	0	6	0
Manly	2	—	—	2	0	12	0

HAT-TRICK BY FISHER

A hat-trick of goals by Fisher of Polonia was the highlight of the Second Division round in Sydney.

Despite Fisher's feat, Polonia lost 3-4 to Canterbury in an exciting match, on a rain-soaked pitch

Only thee of the six scheduled games were played. The rest were washed out.

Details:

CANTERBURY: 4 (**Armytage, Brown, Anelopoulos**) **Polonia 3.** (Fisher 3). Best players, Canterbury: Armytage, Lambert; Polonia: Spilarewicz, Lawson, Round.

TOONGABBIE: 5 (**Thompson 2, Keddie 2, Taylor**) NORTHERN DISTRICTS 1 (Tulloch). Best players, Toongabbie: Ackerley, Keddie, Chapman; Northern: Hodson, Mackinnon.

YUGAL PRAGUE 3 (J. Alagich, Takac, Ljubevski) ARNCLIFFE SCOTS 1 (Martin). Best player Yugal: Takac, Alagich. jomelja; Arnclit. Bankhead.

Standings: Toongabbie 3 pts., Canterbury 3, Riverside Avala 2, Arncliffe, Scots 2, Bankstown 2, Guildford 2, Yugal 2, Polonia 2, North Sydney Inter 0, Marrickville 0, Melita Eagles 0, Northern Districts 0.

ROUND 3 - APRIL 3-4

Yugal-Prague v R'side-Avala — Sunday, Marks P.

Guildford v Arncliffe — Sunday, Guildford.

Melita Eages v Toongabbie — Sunday, Mona Park.

Nothern Districts v Polonia —Sunday, Englefield.

Cantrbury v North Sydney — Saturday, Arlington

Bankstown v Marrickville — Sunday Soccer Centre.

LATE NEWS

GREEN BLAMES THE PRESS

LONDON, — Brian Green, back in England after quitting his job as Australia's national coach, has blamed the Australian Press for the stirring up antagonism to his appointment.

In a television interview Green, said things started to go wrong as soon as he arrived in Australia.

"There had been a campaign for the reappointment of the previous coach and this was a burden from the start," he said.

Asked who had mounted the campaign, he replied: "The local press. My predecessor had taken the Australian team to the World Cup finals in Munich and there was Antagonism to my appointment."

He said he had no complaints about the Australian Soccer Federation but added: "I thought they might have told me of the situation before I went."

He said he decided to quit about a month ago when pressures were becoming greater and the job was drifting away from what he had principally set out to do — coach soccer.

Asked about his future, Green said: "Beggars can't be choosers. I still have the ability. What I need now is a job — A platform to work from."— **AAP**

GOAL IN DEBUT

Former North-Sydney Inter striker Nestor Meneses made his debut for Keilor-Austria in a friendly match against Western Suburbs at the weekend.

Meneses scored Austria's goal in the 1-1 draw and had many other chances.

Austria was awarded a penalty but the goalkeeper saved Stojanovic's shot.

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Box Hill's Paul Corke, one of the finest defenders in the Metropolitan League, is set for yet another fine season. He is seen above (with head band) in two heading duels with Peter Marshall in the Box Hill v Ajax Doherty Cup game.

Manny Poulakakis was hired and fired by Hakoah in the space of less than a week. Keilor Austria's captain punched the club's manager after a Dockerty Cup match against Polonia. VSF tours organiser Michael Weinstein said he would quit. With upheavals like that, can you imagine how hard it is for a guy trying to run a soccer club . . .?

A MANAGER'S LOT IS NOT A HAPPY ONE

KNUT WERNER

POW!

I wonder what that was for.

Just because I felt the need to criticise our team effort over a 13-0 defeat, is no reason for the captain to hit me in the eye.

I must say that a manager's lot is not a happy one.

Here I am trying to organise up to 20 players, look after the ground and worry about how to pay the first-aid officer.

Now we don't have a captain because he's been suspended.

Hello, Is that the first-aid officer? Could you please come over and take a look at my eye?

My brother wants to join our club. The team he is with is 20 miles from his home, the president there hates him and the coach doesn't want to give him a game.

They are asking a transfer fee of $10,000. I suggest that this is a trifle unfair, but they are not prepared to let him go.

He owes us a lot, they claim.

But he has been with you for nine years, I retort. He is unhappy there. He is depressed there.

Tough Cheddar cheese, they say. We're not interested in happy players. He belongs to us and he will die here.

I suggest to my club that it pays the $10,000. Nepotism, they scream, and immediately go through my books.

No, a manager's lot is not a happy one.

For instance, we have eight coaches all wanting to get paid. Where do all these people come from, I ask?

Indignantly, everyone resigns. The team refuses to play and a protestor has rubbed out all our ground markings.

The president won't give us any more money and the committee has voted to grow potatoes on the pitch to help finance the club.

Yes, that's my committee, the wise men. Thank God Jesus wasn't born in their vicinity.

I must ring and get the ground marked again. I'll ring an independent marking company and have it done surreptitiously, thus avoiding those protestors.

Knock! Knock!

Who's there?

The caterers.

Come in. I was hoping to talk to you about opening 10 minutes earlier next week.

POW!

Hello? First-aid officer, could you come over and look at my other eye?

A manager's lot is not a happy one.

Here I was looking forward to our club playing against Bollonia but Mr Bierstein has resigned, mucking up overseas visits.

He told me that he resigned because of too much interference.

The overseas committee argues with him about how he should run his business.

I wonder if we deal with the same committee?

Maybe they can't agree on the airline Bollonia should fly with.

I suppose an organiser's lot is not a happy one.

Ring, ring.

Hello, who's there? You've been appointed coach of our club?

I see, you were in a pub and you met someone who knows someone associated with this club . . . $15,000 per annum and you can start straight away.

Well, the problem is this you see; at the moment we are up to our whistle in coaches.

In fact, as most of our players refuse to play, we have more coaches than team.

Now please don't take that attitude. I mean what purpose would it serve to come up here and hit me in the eye?

Why didn't I take that government job when it was offered?

Why couldn't Bierstein resign after that trip to Singapore? I need to get away for a while.

Ring, ring.

Hello! Peter Sweeney from **"Soccer Action"**, is it?

You would like the name of our new coach. Well I suggest you get hold of a telephone directory, open it at random and pick a name. Would you be good enough to ring back and let me know who it is for today?

No, I am not getting a kick-back from my brother. If you print that I'll come over and hit you in the eye.

A manager's lot is not a happy one.

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The first leg semi-finals of the three major European competitions — European Cup, Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup will be played tomorrow morning (Thursday) Australian time. The second legs are on April 14.

The matches are, with likely winners in capitals:

European Cup: Etienne v PSV Eindhoven (draw), REAL MADRID v Bayern Munich.

Cup Winners' Cup: EINTRACHT FRANKFURT v West Ham, SACHSENRING ZWICKAU v Anderlecht.

UEFA Cup: Barcelo v Liverpool (draw), HAMBURG SV v Bruges.

A European-based correspondent, RANDALL RADCLIFFE analyses the chances of the semi-finalists in the European Cup . . .

Spaniards will be kings of Europe

The men of Real Madrid will be the new kings of Europe after the European Cup final at Hampden Park, Glasgow on May 12.

I can't see Bayern Munich overcoming Madrid in the semi-finals and I tip PSV Eindhoven of Holland to qualify for the final by beating St Etienne.

Here is my analysis of the four semi-finalists . . .

(**Real Madrid (Spain):** The greatest club side in the history of the game. They are six times winners of the European Cup.

With such greats as **di Stefano, Puskas, Kopa, Del Sol, Rial,** and **Santamaria** they established a dynasty.

They won the Cup five years in succession — 1955 through 1960.

That was an era during which Real Madrid was no ordinary club side but a team manager's dream fulfilled. It consisted of treasures unparalleled, collected from all over the planet.

Last season Real Madrid finished at the top of the Spanish League 12 points ahead of their nearest rivals, Real Zaragoza.

They also won the Spanish Cup — the first time in 3 years for a team to pull off the double. All of the players are of international calibre.

They can boast of having "all stars" sitting on the bench as substitutes.

Miljan Miljanic, the former Red Star and national Yugoslav coach, is in charge. Miljanic, a magnificent theoretician and tactician is my idea of the ideal manager.

His tactical deployment of **Breitner** from left fullback to midfield was a stroke of the master. He has done a fantastic job with this team since he took over.

West German stars **Gunter Netzer** and **Paul Breitner** operate in midfield and Miljanic is depending on them to bolster up the defence.

Pirri as an offensive midfield player is the epitome of class.

The 36-year-old **Amancio,** one of Spain's living football legends, still retains his brilliance. Over the years he has been one of the outstanding strikers in the game.

The club recently bought the Argentinian internatonal **Carlos Alfredo Guerini,** a speedy left winger with a good shot, who will add punch to the attack.

They have also signed Valencia's Spanish international defensive player **Sol.**

The Argentinian, **Roberto Martinez,** is a striker of exceptional ability. Miljanic expects **Santillano, Aquilla,** and **Roberto** to convert more scoring chances into goals this season.

Macanas, Velasquez, Benito and **Camacho** are other outstanding talents in a team that is so capable of winning the European Cup.

P.S.V. Eindhoven (Holland). P.S.V. defeated Ajax and Feyenoord, both former European Cup winners, to earn a place in the series.

The Dutch champions were most impressive in topping their League last season.

They lost but two of their 34 games. The team has great depth. Many of their players are of international calibre. They are geared strictly to attacking football and are a delight to watch.

The **van der Kerhoff** twins, **Rene** and **Willy** were members of the Dutch World Cup squad in 1974.

Willy plays midfield for P.S.V. and was their top scorer last season.

Rene played for Holland in the second half of the World Cup final in 1974.

Striker **Harry Lubse** was also a member of that squad.

Bjorn Nordquist, who played for Sweden in the World Cup, is no longer with them. Also transferred by P.S.V.

Real Madrid coach Milan Miljavic

Sepp Maier (Bayern Munich)

Uli Hoeness (Bayern Munich)

was the Danish international, **Bert Schmidt - Hansen** who failed to make the team.

Jan van Beveren, their goalkeeper, was first choice for Holland. **Bertus Qaars,** is an excellent midfield general.

Then there is the Swedish international, **Ralf Edstrom,** in attack. He is the best header of a ball in the game today and is no mean player on the ground. His goal against West Germany in Dusseldorf was a beauty.

Adrie van Kraay is their young sweeper, who has great potential.

Others in the team include a young Swede named **Peter Dahiquist** and the 31 year-old Dutch international **Pleun Strik.**

P.V.S. Eindhoven are an excellent team and if there is any weakness it may be in defence. They are quite capable of winning the European Cup.

Saint Etienne (France). The French champions last year reached the European Cup semi-finals before bowing out to the eventual winner, Bayern Munich.

Any team that can advance so far in Europe's premier trophy and still retain their championship on the home front must be strong.

They have been improving steadily over the past few years.

The strength of the team lies in its coaching, team work, and high morale. I admire their young red haired manager **Roby Herbin,** an astute student of the game.

As P.V.C. Eindhoven have the **van der Kerhoffs,** St Etienne have the **Rivelli** brothers, **Harve** and **Patrick.**

Harve, now a veteran, still has a lot of punch left for scoring goals.

On the occasions I have seen him over the past few years, he operated up front as a centre forward.

Now Herbin is using him in deeper positions, in more of a scheming role.

The wide skills of **Yves Triantafilos,** at centre forward lead to many scoring opportunities for the Rivelli brothers.

Jean-Michel Larque, the captain, is a good leader and a solid footballer.

Dominique Barthenay is the most versatile footballer on the team. He can play fullback, left side midfield, and winger. He possesses much poise and personality.

The 20-year-old right winger, **Dominique Rochteau,** is an excellent dribbler with great ball control.

He, however, does have a habit of keeping his head down when dribbling and Herbin will have to work hard with him to break the habit.

Curkovic, the big Yugoslav, is a good goalkeeper. **Piazza,** an Argentinian, is their fine centre half.

Roby Herbin keeps the players in excellent condition all year round. I doubt that St Etienne have the depth to reach the Final, but they most certainly have the heart.

Bayern Munich (West Germany). This fine club reached its peak in the 1973-74 season. They established themselves as European champions, in defeating Atletico Madrid 4-0, in the European Cup final replay in 1974.

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Real Madrid playmaker Guenter Netzer. Amancio (left) in action for Real Madrid.

The legendary Amancio (left) in action for Real Madrid.

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Broadmeadows' dynamic winger Jim O'Neill (in stripes) with J.U.S.T. left back Andy Kazi and Branko Buljeric (right).

Broadmeadows set to climb

If there are any promotion "certainties" in the Victorian Metropolitan League, one of them must be Broadmeadows City in the Fourth Division.

It is a team of fighters who make up for their lack of height with determination and aggression.

It is an extremely flexible team, as **Martin Sacco, Charlie Deguara, Laurie Gaffa** and **Charlie Vella** handle both attacking and defending roles with ease.

Right winger **Jim O'Neill** is a dynamic little player, a real go-getter who loves to beat a man and who crosses the ball well.

In the middle, Broadmeadows has former George Cross reserve **Tony Scicluna** who has a good nose for goal and on the left, little **Sammy Schinto** shows just as much verve as O'Neil.

Dennis Pace is a competent goalkeeper, well covered by sweeper **Andy Gatt** and full backs **Joe Magro** and **Charlie Gatt.**

Under coach **Don Jordan,** Broadmeadows is continuing to develop into a real go-getting side that never stops running.

I can't see any other team winning the Fourth Dvision championship this year, especially if the 'Meadows maintains the same form it showed against J.U.S.T. in the Dockerty Cup. The pictures on this page are from that game.

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Charlie Deguara takes the ball out of defence. Others in the picture are, from left: Charlie Vella, Mendo Ristovski, referee David Yelland, Alan Parrott and Steve Adamgikis.

Goalkeeper Dennis Pace punches clear from flying Steve Adamgikis. Others, from left: Branko Buljevic, Charlie Deguara, Laurie Gaffa and Zoran Ilioski.

Goodwin won't join

A bid by the Hampton club to gain the services of Keilor Austria's Jack Goodwin has fallen through.

Secretary **Stan Wabinski** announced this late last week.

In the past, the Hampton club has had trouble with recruiting players and getting players, but all problems are expected to be erased this season.

Martin Sacco (left) blocks Branko Buljevic.

DENIAL

Sir, — As my name is wrongly linked with a press article in "The Age" regarding the rift in the Hakoah soccer club committee, I wish to state as follows:

I resigned at the end of the 1975 soccer season as the publicity officer of the Hakoah Soccer Club. I could not see eye to eye with certain members of the committee and my written resignation was handed to the president Mr Les Erdi.

— Stephen Kalus,
Secretary,
Soccer Press Association

Mitcham's loss Monbulk's gain

Monbulk, the club to benefit from a Mitcham player departure, has moved into its new $15,000 ground and pavilion.

Monbulk will field two senior and four junior sides

New coach **Wally Droessler** led Mitcham to a Cup win in 1974 and it finished runner-up to Thomastown in the league competition the same season.

Mitcham United will rely on its younger players to do the bulk of the work during the 1976 season.

Mitcham has lost five key players to Monbulk.

Goalkeeper **Terry Capstick**, centre half **Brian Smith**, midfielder **Ian Gow**, utility **Tony Cole** and centre forward **Wally Broon** have gone to Monbulk.

The club has also lost **Bob Adam**, a well known State League player who has joined Box Hill.

Laurie Gaffa

Martin Sacco (left) dispels danger, with support by Joe Magro.

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REAL MADRID FOR EUROPEAN CUP

From page 9

That was a great Bayeren team blossoming in the ripe talents of **Breitner, Beckenbauer, Hoeness, Muller** and **Roth.**

I saw them retain the Cup last year, in struggling to a victory over Leeds United at the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris.

They were only a shadow of their former self. I did however, come away with some reinforced impressions.

Sepp Maier is still the greatest goalkeeper in Europe with all due respects to **Zoff** of Italy and **Tomaszewski** of Poland.

Franz Beckenbauer as always plays majestic football. The pioneer of the attacking sweeper must surely be one of the truly greats of the game.

Bayern, however, have their problems. They finished a very mediocre 10th in the Bundesliga last season and their key players are not getting any younger.

Paul Breitner, now with Real Madrid, was a tremendous loss. **Conny Torstenson,** the Swedish winger, is apparently on the transfer list.

Klaus Wunder has never lived up to expectations. **Uli Koeness,** the blond ace, is plagued with knee injuries.

Bjorn Anderson, their Swedish defender, sustained a severe injury to his knee during the Cup Final, which necessitated immediate surgery.

The club is contemplating a number of personnel changes. The team needs young talent. I believe that the veteran Danish defender, **Johnny Hansen,** will be the first to go.

Cramer is in the process of rebuilding and I do not envy him his task.

INSIDE FOOTBALL

INSIDE FOOTBALL, Australia's established national weekly football paper, is back early for the 1976 season.

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SIMPLICITY AND FLAIR MAKE US WORLD LEADERS

— BY FRANZ BECKENBAUER

Triumphant West German captain Franz Beckenbauer with the World Cup.

I remain fully convinced that in the years to come, northern Europe, in the shape of West Germany, Holland and England will continue to dominate the world football scene.

In fact the only threat I can see to these three countries should come from Poland, a national brimful of exceptional football talent.

Certainly the coin has now been completely reversed from the days not so long ago when nearly every major trophy was being captured by the Latin nations, namely Brazil, Italy and Spain.

Many of you are probably asking yourselves what is the main reason behind the decline in world supremacy of the Latins.

Well, in my view it is a combination of many factors, with the prime one being I think the greater tactical awareness and general all-round sophistication of countries like my own and the Netherlands.

In the World Cup Finals of 1958, when the Brazilians entranced us all by playing the relatively new 4-2-4 system to perfection, Pele and his teammates were undeniably the makers, not the followers of fashion.

And later, in the mid 1960's, when Inter Milan were the kings of Europe, their brand of all-out defence was soon copied by leading clubs in the rest of Europe.

The great Ferenc Puskas of Hungary.

Mad race

This situation did, of course, change for a while following England's World Cup triumph nine years ago, but with the Brazilians once again thrilling the world four years later in Mexico with their superb attacking flair, the Latins soon became the teachers once more and not the students.

The post Mexico World Cup period was like a mad race, with so many countries endeavoring to play the rampant Brazilians at their own game. But on the other hand, some countries, notably my own and Holland, were busy creating and developing their own techniques.

And with the European Cup success of Ajax in 1971 and ours a year later in the European Nations' Cup, a whole new footballing concept was born, and subsequently given labels by the world's sporting press.

Of course "Total Football" became the most common journalistic tag, and as such the soccer writers started to read more into the style of both Ajax and West Germany than was really there.

After the defensive strategies of the 1960s, which at one time threatened to take a strangehold on the game, soccer is now once more being played with attack as the number one criterion.

Also, thanks I think to my own country and the Netherlands, the game has now become a great deal simpler.

In my opinion, all the great post-war sides used direct methods, without any frills at all.

Take the legendary Hungarians for example **Ferenc Puskas** and company didn't bother much about defensive formations and the like.

Like the Brazilians some five years later, they didn't really rely on ultra-defensive formations for their success.

True, a great deal of publicity was given in the international press to the so-called revolutionary deep-lying centre-forward of the Magyars, but once again the pressmen failed to realise that the reason the Hungarians succeeded was that they played the game by ear.

Had flair

Not for them the pseudo-sophistication of the blackboard planners. I fully appreciate that there must have been some tactical planning behind their idea of having a centre forward who was not a pure striker, but essentially flair was the name of the game as far as they were concerned.

The fact that the great Hungarian side of the early and middle 1950's achieved so much brings me back to my initial point.

Regardless of what some journalists said at the time, the Hungarians were able to obtain favorable results because they made the game simple.

The problems in this game of ours only really began when managers and coaches started to make the game complex.

Much of the blame here should be levelled at the Italians. They were, after all, the instigators of all those boring defensive line-ups which were so prevalent in the last decade.

And because their club sides fared so well in European competitions, teams from other countries copied them en masse.

In fact, of all the Latin nations Italy's influence on the sport has unquestionably proved to be the most damaging.

Whereas both Brazil and Spain have given us flowing, attacking soccer, Italy had given us the complete opposite.

In essence, then, what both my country and the Netherlands have proved is that northern Europe will continue to dominate the world scene for many years to come because we play the game simply and don't rely on complicated systems or packed defences.

And whereas we Germans allow our players to express themselves freely on the field, the Brazilians are too busy attempting to perfect the dubious art of defensive football.

As I said earlier, the coin has certainly been completely reversed!

Worthington hits back at Rale Rasic

ERIC WORTHINGTON

The Rothmans national director of coaching, Eric Worthington, hit back this week at former national coach Rale Rasic who criticised Worthington coaching structure in a recent interview with "Soccer Action".

Rasic made his comments after a meeting of Sydney coaches had rebelled against the State coaching set-up.

Worthington told **"Soccer Action"** that since he set up his coaching structure, the number of coaches and their quality had gone up.

He said many of the coaches who were at the "rebels' meeting" were members of the old Australian Soccer Coaches' Federation, NSW branch, which was now defunct and which had been replaced by autonomous State coaches' bodies.

Worthington said more and more refresher courses were now being run through the NSW Soccer Coaches' Federation.

Joe Marston and **Mike Johnson** are among notable coaches who have attended these courses.

Rale Rasic and **John Warren** were invited often but have not attended, Worthington said.

Rasic told **"Soccer Action"** that the coaches at the "rebels' meeting" wanted to know what was supposed to be going on in State coaching.

Not a secret

Worthington said: "We're not keeping it a secret. Anyone who wants to know details could get in touch with me or with the Soccer Coaches' Federation."

He took exception at Rasic's swipe at **Dr Gordon Waterlow** who represented soccer at a meeting in Melbourne between coaches of national teams of various sports.

Rasic had told **"Soccer Action"** it was an "insult" that soccer should be represented by a man on the fringe of the sport and that he had not heard of Dr Waterlow previously.

Worthington said Dr Waterlow was an expert on physical fitness and that it was untrue that Rasic had not heard of him.

Rasic used to consult Dr Waterlow about training, Worthington said.

He added he took Dr Waterlow with him to the conference in Melbourne because of the scientific and training aspects of the course — subjects Dr Waterlow was expert in.

Dr Waterlow was also coaching course secretary of the NSW Coaches Federaion and a "magnificent organiser".

Worthington quoted the annual report of the Western Australian Coaches' Federation in which president **Bob Brown** said:

"We held three very successful lecture demonstrations during the year, one by **Jackie Charlton** (manager of Middlesborough), one by **Jock Wallace** (manager of Glasgow Rangers) and one by **Gordon Waterlow**.

"The first two were poorly attended but there was a large and enthusiastic audience for the very interesting lecture by Dr Gordon Waterlow."

Worthington said he had asked Dr Waterlow to structure a course on conditioning in soccer, which would be put into operation soon.

Worthington said in answer to Rasic's claim that they had never got together on coaching, that he wrote a letter to Rasic some time ago, which Rasic did not answer.

Although they were both in West Germany during the World Cup, they did not get together.

Worthington explained that the national team manager, **John Barclay**, told him the best job he could do was to watch the matches of teams which Australia would have to play, and make reports on those teams.

"So I watched East Germany, West Germany and Chile and presented lengthy written reports about those teams. I got no reaction from Rale Rasic," Worthington said.

"Because I had to watch those teams, I managed to see Australia only once — against Chile.

"We could have beaten Chile with the right approach, but we had the shutters up all the time."

Worthington answered criticism of him by **Jack Reilly**, who wrote in his column in **"Soccer Action"** that Worthington's total achievement appeared to be the overthrowing of the efficient national team manager, **John Barclay**.

Worthington pointed out that he did not appoint himself as team manager.

That decision was made by the ASF executive, at a meeting attended by both Barclay and Worthington.

"I have a good relationship with John. He is, as Jack Reilly says, efficient. He is a good worker with a lot to contribute," Worthington said.

Numbers go up

A press release by the NSW Soccer Coaches' Federation this week shows that coaching courses have been extremely successful in NSW over the past two years.

In 1974, there were 311 candidates at instructional courses in NSW. Fifty-four passed the preliminary ASF coaching course.

Last year there were 477 candidates and 61 passed the preliminary course.

In comparison, there were only 124 candidates in 1973, 268 in 1972 and 198 in 1971.

Since 1974, all courses have been conducted under the aegis of Eric Worthington.

Only staff approved by Worthington are used on the courses. They must be working to his required standards under the national coaching plan.

Sunshine victory

Thirty-two local soccer teams took part in a five-a-side carnival at Box Hill.

Sunshine's A team defeated Peninsula 2-nil in the finals.

In the semi-finals, Peninsula defeated Box Hill one-nil and Nunawading B lost to Sunshine one-nil.

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Fitzroy Alexander midfielder Pat Bannon is Startalk's guest columnist for the next two weeks.

Bannon will play a big part in his club's attempt to win this year's Ampol Cup night series and defend its State League title.

Boys are invited to write to Pat, c/- Soccer Action, 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne and ask him questions about himself, his club and soccer in general.

Q. How long have you been playing State League Soccer? (Question by Stephen Konstantine, Bunnerong Road, Matraville, N.S.W.)

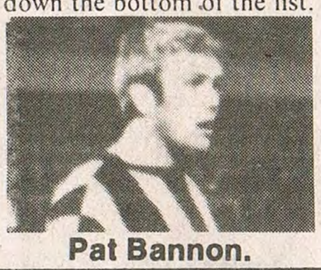
A: I have been in Australia nearly three years after coming from Edinburgh in Scotland. I came out here with **George Gillan,** and two months before we arrived my brother **Vince** and **Ian Gibson** cameout. I then got **Sam Cook** and **Frank Denachie** out here and last year **George Gillan** went home and recruited **Les Thomson, Bill Mills** and **Ian Millar.** But the migration of Scottish players to Fitzroy Alexander was started by **John Kennedy** who now is goalkeeper for South Melbourne Hellas. John brought Vince and Ian Gibson out and it continued from there.

Q: What do you do for a living? (Question by Peter Nicholson, Kalindra Road, Croydon Vic.)

A: I am a self-employed carpenter. I am in partnership with a friend of mine, **George Thompson.** We do various types of jobs on homes, factories, etc. I live at Oakleigh but we work all over the place.

Q: How have the players from Scotland settled into the Fitzroy Alexander side? (Question by Tom Watson, Glenhuntley Road, Glenhuntley, Vic.)

A: It will be a lot harder for the new players. When we came to Australia, Alexander was a struggling club, down the bottom of the list.



Pat Bannon.

Now it's a strong club with many good players, and it won't be that easy to step straight into a successful side.

Alexander has picked up a lot over the past couple of seasons and we give ourselves a big chance of winning the Ampol Cup and successfully defending the State League premiership.

Last season we had only 13 players, but this year have up to 17 players capable of gaining selection in the senior team.

Q: Have you got a favorite jumper, pair of socks or boots or something that you like wearing in each game you play? (Question by Ray Speeward, Hume Highway, Liverpool, N.S.W.)

A: I like to wear a jumper with number six on the back. I have been wearing a number six jumper since I was 17 years old, and I like ending up with it.

But lately I have been deprived of getting the number six jumper and I've had to be content with wearing number four or five.

State trials

Victorian representative teams trials for the following regions and age groups will be held on Saturday, April 3 at the following venues:

U/12 — Dandenong Region — Waverley S.C. — 1.00 p.m.

U/12 — Yarra Region — Doncaster Rovers S.C. — 1.00 p.m.

U/14 — Peninsula Region — Overport S.C. — 1.00 p.m.

U/15 — Lalor Region — Albion Rovers S.C. — 1.00 p.m.

Croydon's Grant Thompson clears the ball.

Croydon's Darren Jackson battles for possession with a Ringwood player. G. McDaid is in the background.

J. Beale of Croydon falls in front of a Ringwood player, with R. Cubitt and N. Hughes in the background.

CROYDON DOWN IN JUNIOR CARNIVAL

Croydon City juniors played host to Mooroolbark and Ringwood City juniors in a one-day soccer carnival held at Croydon Park last week.

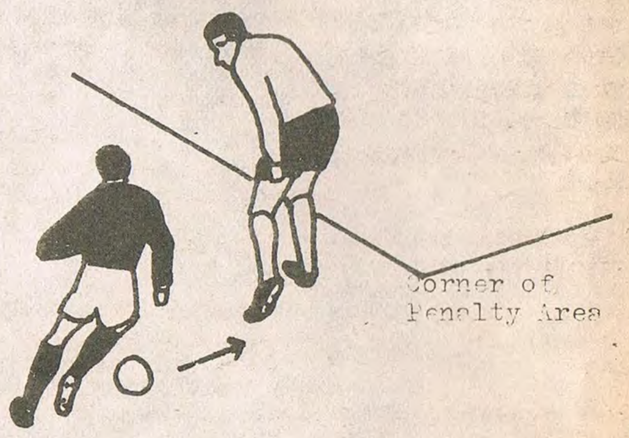
The contest was organised by Croydon City as part of Croydon's Festival of Youth week and involved over 300 junior players aged between 7 and 14 years.

Following a march through the centre of Croydon, in which all of the youth organisations in the area participated, the games started on three pitches.

Mooroolbark was declared outright winner at the end of the day, with Croydon a close second.

A trophy donated by Croydon City Council was presented to Mooroolbark by a representative of the Croydon Jaycees who had organised and co-ordinated the Festival of Youth Week.

Fig. 1



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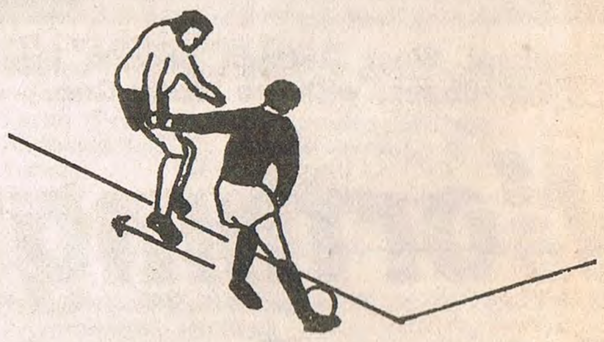

Fig. 3

DRIBBLING PART 4

When an attacker has space in front of him and he wants to "take on" an opponent, he should take the initiative and attack the defender by running at him.

Many attackers make the mistake of running to one side of the defender too early.

This may be done if the attacker knows he can esily outpace the defender, but if he cannot, he only succeeds in making the defender's job that much easier.

A good defender will retreat towards his own goal when an attacker runs at him.

When this happens the attacker should not slow down, he should keep moving quickly towards the defender and try to beat him.

To get the defender off balance the attacker may move the ball, or change direction, in order to get the defender turning.

Fig. 1 shows an attacker running at the defender from the left flank.

The defender is trying to force the attacker down the line.

In order to make the defender turn, the attacker threatens to move inside.

Fig. 2 shows the defender after turning infield. He is now in a poor position to turn if the attacker plays the ball behind him.

In Fig. 3 the attacker plays the ball past the defender and accelerates past him.

The attacker should focus on the defender's hips and legs so that he knows when to change direction and once defender has turned.

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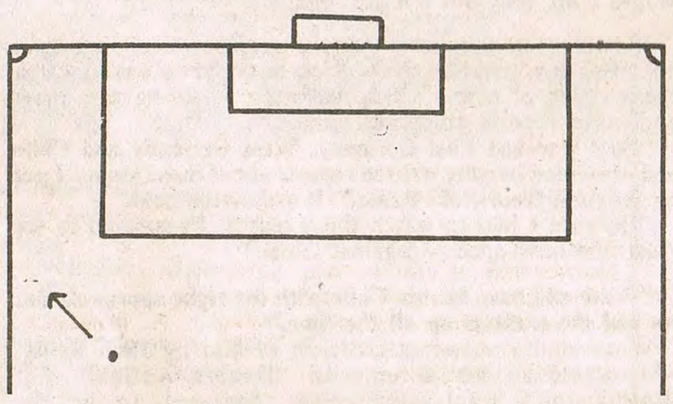

S plays the ball to A, who attacks the defender D. A must try to beat D, and cross the ball into the penalty area.

This practice may be developed to include a gaolkeeper a back four and defending mid-field against a front three and attacking mid-field.

The practice will start with the mid-field player passing the ball to the attacker on the flank.

The defenders need a target man T, for when they win the ball.

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NUNAWADING IN CUP FINAL

Soccer crowds at Port Melbourne must have been astounded to see Nunawading City U/13 snatch a timely victory from Sunshine City in the closing seconds of their junior Ampol Cup semi-final.

The victory climaxed some anxious weeks for the club when it realised that only five boys of the 1975 side had re-registered.

All credit must go to coach **Joe Pahljina,** who quickly rebuilt the side as good as, if not better than the original.

Joe call on his trusty U/12 Eagles to fill the many gaps and on March 15 at Middle Park they won their section comfortably.

At the Port Melbourne semi-final, these defiant lads chose to play against the wind in the first half, so giving Sunshine an early advantage.

Physical size appeared to be the dominating factor as Sunshine pushed to a two goal lead.

Nunawading defenders were kept busy, providing the crowd with many exciting moments.

Late in the second half some desperate team changes were made to increase Nunawadings striking power which up until then had not been gret.

The gamble paid off when three quick goals put Nunawading ahead.

Despite a frantic last minute effort Sunshine unable to stop the onslaught as yet another goal made Nunawading clear winners 4-2.

Win or lose at Olympic Park in April, this must surely be the team of the week.

Green Gully Ajax ran out winner over Box Hill 2-0.

Green Gully, Doveton, Altona City and Box Hill will clash in the semi finals of the Cumberland Cup at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday).

The Metro Scene with LES SHORROCK

SEMIS AT THE PARK

This is the first time in the history of the Cumberland Cup that the semi finals will be played at Victoria's soccer headquarters, and it's to be hoped that the clubs and their supporters come out and support the move to Olympic Park.

Green Gully and Doveton will kick off in the first match at 7.15 p.m. and Altona City and Box Hill will clash in the second game.

A big crowd is expected to watch the semi finals of this year's Cumberland Cup — the most keenly ever contested.

Tonight's winners will meet in the final at Wembley Park, Box Hill, while the losers will play the curtain raiser to decide third place.

Frankston News Cup: (South Section): Frankston 0 v Doveton 2.

Free Press Cup (North Section): Green Gully 6 v North Carlton 1.

Advocate/Advertiser Cup (West Section): Altona City 5 v Bell Park 1.

Dandenong Journal Cup (East Section): Springvale 2 v Box Hill 5.

Frankston City v Doveton 2: Teams: Frankston: C: Burgess N, Lewis W, Adams, R. Campbell N, Neri A, High D, Merrick E, Johnston D, Buchanan W, Murray S, Ford M, Murray W.

Doveton: Reiss W, Curry A, Garland W, Thurlow P, Wilson G, Roy D, O'Halloran A, Roderick B, Hili M, Smith I, Fakos C, Sweeney I.

On Saturday I went to watch a keen encounter between new look Frankston City and a Doveton team newly promoted from the Third Division.

Doveton coch, **Russell Murray,** told me before the game that he was confident of winning the Section Cup and advancing into the semis.

Frankston started off well with **Bill Buchanan** testing **Bill Reiss** with a good shot that the Doveton goalie handled competently.

Frankston came again with Dave Johnstone feeding Sam Murray who won a corner.

The corner was cleared and then it was Doveton's turn as **Nick Burgess** had to save at the feet of **Con Fakos,** and **Tony O'Halloran** cutting in from the wing, shot narrowly wide.

Stimulated by this near success, Doveton pressed hard with **Brian Roderick** and **Mario Hili** prominent.

Frankston broke away and **Ernie Merrick's** cross, just missed Buchanan's head, but the play went from end to end as we saw Roderick squander a chance from an O'Halloran corner.

The game was developing into a dour struggle and the Second Division side was giving Frankston a testing time.

The finishing of both sides was poor, and neither goalkeeper was called upon to do much before half-time.

GIANTS

Doveton came out after the interval like giants refreshed, and immediately took command.

Roderick put **Fakos** through but the striker shot weakly, and then **O'Halloran** wasted a free-kick, hitting over the bar.

The pressure was beginning to tell on the Frankston defence and the usually immaculate David High sliced a clearance almost into his own goal.

Burgess was in action almost continuously, cutting out a corner and then flying out to punch away.

If Doveton had been able to finish, it would have been three up, but Fakos and Hili were off target several times.

It was just a matter of time before Dovton scored and it opened its account after 64 minutes when **Roderick** headed goalwards after **Burgess** had failed to push clear and the ball eluded **Bobby Adams'** despairing leap.

Doveton nearly increased it lead seconds later when **Bill Murray**, who substitued for young **Mickey Ford,** gave away a free about an inch outside the box.

The kick was cleared by Frankston but Doveton came back through **Roderick** and then **Ian Sweeney** who had come on for **Con Fakos.**

Billy Lewis went forward for Frankston in an effort to put more bite into an attack that was pathetic, but Doveton were not to be denied and after **Derek Roy** shot over the bar **Ian Sweeney** scored a simple goal after **Bob Adams** and **Nick Burgess** had got themselves in a tangle.

So Doveton lifted the Frankston News Cup and $250.00 and advanced to a semi-final.

It won on merit because it showed greater determination and I can't understand the change that has come over Frankston since its fighting win at Dandenong in the previous round.

It has lost John Irvine and Tony McKay but John Pryde must be worried with the lack of heart.

Doveton look a definate threat to the second division title, and in Brian Roderick it had the best man on the ground.

He was sent off at the 89th minute after tangling with **Bill Buchanan**, and this marred his day, but his long gangling legs were in everything, and when he was on the ball Doveton always looked dangerous.

Frankston best were **David High** and **Billy Lewis.**

Best for Doveton were **Brian Roderick, Bill Reiss** and **Peter Thurlow.**

ALTONA

Altona won the Advocate/Advertiser Cup with a good display.

Altona included ex-Sunshine City stalwart **Albert Seenan**, who was signed from Green Gully Ajax on Friday night, and he took part in the opening goal which came when **David Cooper** put **Tony Hamill** away down the right flank, and his cross was helped on by **Albert Seenan** to the chief poacher **Ian Reid**, who tucked it away.

At the 14 minute mark, **Daniarkos** of Bell Park was clean through when **Hans van der Pol,** in the Altona goal, pulled him down.

Van der Pol made amends by saving **Dunsan Sala's spot kick.**

At the 25 minute mark, **Sala** cleverly lobbed over the defence to the unmarked **Daniarkos** only to see him hit the post, and a dejected Bell Park went in for the interval one down, instead of one up.

Three minutes into the half Tony Hamill, made a solo run down the right and slammed the ball into the net to make it 2-0.

Fifteen minutes later he scored from the spot, after **Sergio Karbanienko** had been brought down in the box.

At the 74 minute mark **David Cooper** put **Ian Reid** away and repaying the favor Ian put one on a plate for **Albert Seenan** to make it 4-0.

Altona became a bit complacent and Bell Park retaliated with a good goal from **Chris Teles,** but with five minutes to go Altona stretched its lead when **Ian Reid** passed to **Sergio Karbanienko** who waltzed around three defenders and planted the ball in the net to make the final score 5-1.

Green Gully started off with a flurry against North Carlton.

Eddie Klimczek forced Tyrikos to save well in the first minute, but the game didn't live up to its early promise.

Tyrikos twice saved at Klimczek's feet in a hectic goalmouth scrambles.

Green Gully went ahead in the 29th minute when, **Andy Segi** put **Klimczek** through and he scored despite the goalkeeper's challenge.

Liakopoulos tried to put North Carlton on equal terms, but his two shots at point blank range were stopped by **Mick Borg.** A minute later **Mick Banagan** jinked his way along the dead ball line, and as everyone looked for a cross, booted the ball past the surprised goalkeeper to make the score 2-0.

A minute before half-time Georgiadis wheeled on a loose ball in the Gully box and hooked it well wide of Borg to pull one back.

North Carlton seemed in the game then and were attacking as the half-time whistle went.

On resuming Dave McCurry threaded his way through the North Carlton defence but his cross also beat Eddie Klimczek and went pass the far post.

Then at the other end, **Liakopoulos** cleverly put through by **Georgiadis,** lobbed the ball past **Borg,** only to miss by inches.

Gully went further ahead when **Nick Brazil** chased a long ball to the corner flag, and centred for **Dave McCurry** to ram it home.

Minutes later Brazil repeated the dose, this time for Banagan, to make the score 4-1.

North Carlton was rattled and after a series of incidents two North Carlton players got their marching orders from referee Carlos Contini.

Green Gully's Roy Collins and Eddie Klimczek scored to make it by.

CLASSY HILL

Box Hill proved too fit and skilful for a disorganised Springvale.

It scored through Greg McCaskie, and then after Springvale had equalised through Jackie Gollin, proceeded to rattle on four more before Springvale got one back in the dying stages. Scorers for the Hillmen were Greg McCaskie (1) and Ray Tayor (2), and Serge Beradini and Springvale contributed to downfall with an own goal.

DISTRICT SCENE

Hawthorn will be the team to beat in the District League Cup, after crushing Sunbury United, 6-3. The Hawthorn machine was brilliant, the architect being B. Gatzonis.

B. Matanas, M. Ioannov and T. Gatzonis always loomed as dangers to Sunbury.

Sunbury missed a few players but it never stopped trying.

Hawthorn will meet tougher opposition later but the side is playing so well it's already a threat for the Cup. B. Matanas was the backbone of the side on Sunday, constantly he drove the ball deep into attack, Bill Gatzonis positioned it perfectly for ever-reliable M. Ioannov and T. Gatzonis, with John Stabevs coming on in the second half. Hawthorn had perfect control of the game.

Hawthorn 6 (M. Ioannov 2), T. Gatsonis 2), (B. Gatzons 1), (B. Matanas 1); Sunbury 3 (M. Gilligan 2), (Clarke 1).

BEST: Hawthorn — B. Gaitzonis, B. Matanas, M. Ioannov. Sunbury — A. Jones, P. Hill, J. Sheriggan.

Sad news hit Monbulk on Thursday night when it heard three star players — B. Smith, T. Capstick, T. Cole — were in a serious car accident. Smith is in hospital with three broken ribs, Capstick has bruised ribs and a cut lip, and Cole also has bruised ribs.

The news didn't stop Monbulk from showing championship form when it defeated Nunawading United 2-1.

Monbulk's defence was shaky early because it was missing three experienced players. N. Koomen and J. Pater kicked goals.

J. Brass, K. Oudendyk controlled Monbulk's midfield and drove it into attack.

Monbulk 2 (N. Koomen, J. Pater); Nunawading 1.

BEST: Monbulk — J. Brass, K. Oudendyk, M. McLoughlin.

Gladstone Park struggled to beat a first season Cheltenham 2-1.

Gladstone Park scored two quick goals through F. Curay and M. Tektas to have a comfortable lead at half time.

Although Cheltenham looked beaten, it never stopped trying, and was well served by centre half, M. Adateper and N. Yesiligas, who booted the side's goal.

Gladstone Park 2, (F. Curay, M. Tektas); Cheltenham 1, (N. Yesiligas).

BEST: Gladstone Park — M. Tektas, F. Curay. Cheltenham — M. Adateper, N. Yesiligas.

Thomastown started full of fire against Banksia. Frank Fragale was dangerous in front of goal and Charlie Risso played his usual best kicking three goals.

Strathbroke had a very convincing win over Diamond Creek with Ralph scoring four goals.

A game full of goals and class was played at Hampton where it defeated Crescent United, 6-5.

East Carlton chanced its luck in beating Greensborough 2-1.

Melton, relegated from the Provisional League, could not contain Mordialloc who won the game 4-3.

Thomastown 9 (F. Fragale 3, C. Risso 3, Sgarleta, Vangeli, Mizzi); Banksia 1 (own goal Thomastown).

Diamond Creek 2, Strathbroke 9; Berwick City 2, Rosanna 3; Gladstone Park 2, Cheltenham 1; Hampton 6, Crescent United 5; Sth Oakleigh 5, RMIT 1; Greensborough 1, East Carlton 2; Monbulk 2. Nunawading United 1; Thornbury v Balaclava (no scores available); Mossfiel 2, Wiltona 3; Boronia 1, Clarinda 0; Mordialloc 4, Melton 3; Regent 1, Hawksburn 6; Croxton 2, Mitcham 1; Cliftonhill 4, Nth Melbourne 5; Hawthorn 6, Sunbury 3; Banksia 1, Thomastown 9.

RESERVES:

Nth Melbourne 1, East Carlton 6; Bosanna 5, Diamond Creek 2; Crescent United 2, Melton 1; Noble Park 0, Greensborough 3; Carnegie 1, Mitcham 5.

ROUND TWO

District League Cup:

Burnley v Noble Park; Yarraville v Kensington Utd; Thomastown v Nth Springvale; Ascot Utd v Sandown; Boronia v Carnegie; Nth Dandenong v Postal Ins; Hawthorn v East Brunswick; Hawksburn v Bulleen; Strathbroke v Nth Melbourne; Royal Park v Karingal; Croxton v Mordialloc; Hampton v Wiltona; Sth Oakleigh v Thornbury or Balaclavia; West Richmond v Pascoe Vale; Gladstone Park v Monbulk; Rosanna v East Carlton.

RESERVES

Hampton v Sunbury; Greensborough v Kensington Utd; East Brunswich v Postal Inst; Rosanna v Nunawading; Nth Springvale v Karingal; Burnley v Hawksburn; Crescent Utd v Wiltona; Boronia v Yarraville; Regent v East Carlton; Sth Oakleigh v Nth Dandenong; Cheltenham v Hawthorn; Mitcham v Strathbroke; Clarinda v Thomastown; Banksia v Monbulk; Sandown v Royal Park; Croxton v Bulleen.

Scores around the world

There were no division matches in Czechoslovakia and Portugal last weekend.

Czechoslovakia drew 2-2 with France in a friendly game in Paris on Saturday, after France had led 1-0 at half time.

Clubs in Portugal were competing in Portuguese Cup games.

Hungary beat Argentina 2-0 in a friendly match at Budapest on Saturday.

GREECE

Heraclis 2, Apollon 0. Panserraikos 2, Pierikos 0, Paok 1, Yannina 0, Panaitolikos 0, Kastoria 0, AEK 5, Atromotis 1, Olympiakos 0, Ethinikos 2, Panachaika 0, Panathinaikos 0, Panionios 1. Aris 0.

ITALY

Ascoli 1, Como 1, Bologna 5, Cesena 3, Cagliari 5, Sampdoria 3, Milan 1, Inter 0, Torino 2, Juventus 1, Napoli 1, Lazio 0, Roma 2, Fiorentina 2, Verona 3, Perugia 1.

YUGOSLAVIA

Vardar Skoplje 2, Vojvodina Novi SAD 0, OFK Belgrade 1, Velez Mostar 3, Sloboda Tuzla 3, Olympia Laibach 1, H'duk Split 2, Dinamo Agram 1, Celik Zenika 3, FCR Rijeka 0, Radnicki Kragujevac 2, Radnicki Nisch 1, Borac Banjaluka 1, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 1, Partizan Belgrad 1, Roter Stern Belgrad 4, FC Sarajevo 1, Budnucnost Titograd 1.

WEST GERMANY

Schalke 04 6, Karlsruher SC 2, Hamburger SV 5, VFL Bochum 3, Hanover 96 2, Bayern Munich 2, FC Cologne 4, Bayern Uerdingen 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 1, Hertha BSC Berlin 1, Kickers Offenbach 4, Eintracht Brunswick 2, Fortuna Duesseldorf 3, Werder Bremen 0, FC Kaiserslautern 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 3, MSV Duisburg 4, Rot-Weiss Essen 0.

EAST GERMANY

BFC Dynamo 4, Karl-Marx-Stadt 0, Energie Cottbus 0, Wismut Ave 2, Dynamo Dresden 2, 1.FC Magdeburg 0, FC Vorwaerts Frankfurst/Oder 4, Chemie Leipzig 1, Sachsenring Zwickau 2, HFC Chemi Halle 1, FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt 2, FC Carl Zeiss Jena 0, 1.FC Lok Lepizig 2, Stahl Reisa 2.

POLAND

Legia 3, Zaglebie 0, LKS 2, Stal M. 1, Row 0, Ruch 0, Slask 1, Widzew 2, Pogon 1, Wisla 1, Gornik 2, Polonia 0, Stal RZ 2, GKS 2.

HOLLAND

NAC 3, Go Ahead Eagles 1, NEC 1, Feyenoord 1, MVV 2, FC Amsterdam 1, Erindhoven 3, FC Utrecht 3, FC Twente 2, AZ 67 2, Telstar 2, De Graafschap 1, Ajax 1, PSV 3, Sparta 1, Roda JC 1, Excelsior 0, FC Dtn Haag 1.

1. PSV 39 points (70-23), 2. Feyenoord 38 points (55-29), 3. FC Twente 36 points (47-21), 4. Ajax 36 points (51-26), 5. NEC 32 points (33-24).

SPAIN

Real Oviedo 2, Racing 0, Hercules 1, Atletico Madrid 1, Real Betis 4, Granada 1, Real Sociedad 3, Athletic Bilbao 2, Espanol 3, Salamanca 0, Valencia 2, Elche 0, Real Zaragoza 1, Sevilla 0, Las Palmas 3, Barcelona 1, Real Madrid 2, Sporting 0.

AUSTRIA

Voeest Linz 0, Sturm Graz 1, Austria Salzburg 2, Linzer Ask 0, Grazer AK 1, SW Innsbruck 0, Rapid Wien 4, Austria WAC 1, Admira Wacker 1, Austria Klagenfurt 0, Austria WAC leads the table with 32 points after 23 games, followed by SW Innsbruck 32 and Rapid Wien 29.

TURKEY

Galatasaray 2, Adanaspor 1, Besiktas 1, Goztepe 1, Adana Demirspor 3, Fenerbahce 2, Altay 0, Trabzonspor 2, Ankaragucu 3, Boluspor 2, Eskisehirspor 2, Bursaspor 1, Balikesirspor 1, Giresunspor 0, Orduspor 0, Zonguldakspor 0.

SWITZERLAND

Basle 3, Bienne 1, La Chaux-de-Fonds 4, Winterthur 3, Grasshoppers Zurich 2, Chanois Geneva 0, St Gallen 0, Zurich 1, Servette Geneva 2, Lausanne 1, Sion 2, Neuchatel Xamax 1, Young Boys Bern 4, Lugano 0.

RUMANIA

Bucharest Steau 2, Tirgu Mures ASA 0, Bucharest Dinamo 2, Satu Mare Olimpia 0, Craiova Universitatea 1, Bucharest Sportul Stud 1, Petrosani Jiul 2, Bachau SC 0, Arad UT 1, Constanta FC 0, Timisoara Politehnica 2, Cluj Napoca Universitatea0, Cluj Napoca CFR 1, Bucharest Rapid 0, Bihor FC 1, Arges FC 1, Jassy Politehnica 5, Resita FCM 0, Bucharest Steaua lead the table with 32 points followed by Bucharest Dinamo with 28.

BELGIUM

Racing Malines 0, RWD Molenbeek 2, AS Ostend 0, Beringen 2, Standard Liege 0, FC Brugeois 1, Charleroi 1, Lokeren 2, Beveren 1, Lierse 1, CS Bruges 2, La Louviere 0, Waregem 1, FC Liegeois 0, Berchem 0, Beerschot 1, Anderlecht 2, FC Malinois 2.

BULGARIA

Lokomotiv (Sofia) 0, Botev 0, Slavia 1, Dounav 0, Trakia 0, CSKA 3, Beroe 1, Lokomotiv (Plovdiv) 0, Minor 1, Cherno More 0, Zhsk Spartak 1, Sliven 0, Pirin 2, Spartak 2, Levski-Spartak 2, Akademik 0, Levski-Spartak head the table with 29 points, followed by CSKA 27, Akademik 23, and Lokomotiv (Plovdiv) 23.

QUEENS TURN KINGS

London. — Queens Park Rangers has moved nearer to the English soccer league title when it beat Manchester City 1-0 for its ninth win in 10 games.

It only just clinched both points through an 81st minute header by David Webb. It cannot afford to relax with a point separating it from Manchester United and defending champions Derby County.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE. — Aston Villa 0, Stoke City 0; Coventry City 1, Newcastle United 1; Derby County 4, Birmingham City 2; Ipswich Town 1, Everton 0; Leeds Utd. 3, Arsenal 0; Liverpool 2, Burnley 0; Manchester United 3, Middlesbrough 0; Queens Park Rangers 1, Manchester City 0; Tottenham Hotspurs 5, Sheffield United 0; West Ham United 0, Norwich City 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Leicester City 12.

DIVISION TWO. — Blackburn Rovers 2, Notts County 1; Blackpool 0, Plymouth Argyle 0, Bolton Wanderers 2, Chelsea 1; Bristol Rovers 0, Oxford United 1; Carlisle United 0, Bristol City 1; Fulham 1, Oldham Athletic 0; Hull City 1, York City 1; Luton Town 1, Charlton Athletic 1; Nottingham Forest 1, Orient 0; Portsmouth 0, West Bromwich Albion 1; Sunderland 3, Southampton 0.

DIVISION THREE. — Aldershot 1, Shrewsbury Town 1; Cardiff City 0, Millwall 0; Chesterfield 1, Rotherham United 0; Crystal Palace 1, Bury 0; Gillingham 2, Chester 0; Grimsby Town 2, Southend United 2; Hereford United 1, Brighton and Hove Albion 1; Peterborough United 1, Halifax Town 0; Port Vale 1, Walsall 2; Sheffield Wednesday 1; Colchester United 0; Swindon Town 0; Mansfield Town 2; Wrexham 1, Preston North End 2.

DIVISION FOUR. — Barnsley 1, Bradford City 1; Bournemouth 1, Workington 0; Crewe Alexandra 0, Northhampton Town 1; Darlington 4, Newport County 0; Exeter City 4, Huddersfield Town 1; Hartlepool 1, Swansea City 0; Rochdale 1, Brentfort 2; Torquay United 2, Doncaster Rovers 2.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIV. — Ayr United 2, Hibernian 0; Celtic 4, Motherwell 0; Dundee United 1, Aberdeen 0; Hearts 3, Dundee 0; St Johnstone 0, Rangers 3.

SPRING CUP. — Fourth Round; Airdrieonians 1, East Fife 0; Dumbarton 1, Arbroath 2, East Stirling 2, Stirling Albion 1; Meadowbank 2, Partick Thistle 1; Montrose 1, Morton 4; Queen of the South 1, C'bank 3: Stenhousemuir 2, Albion Rovers 3; Stranraer 2, Brechin City 2; Alloa 2, Kilmarnock 2; Berwick Rangers 1, Falkirk 1; Cowdenbeath 4, Dunfermline Athletic 0; Forfar Athletic 0, St. Mirren 1; Queen's Park 1, Hamilton Academicals 1; Raith Rovers 2, Clyde 1.

IRISH LEAGUE. — Ards 0, Crusaders 3; Coleraine 2, Glenavon 1; Distillery 1, Bangor 1; Larne 2, Glentoran 1; Linfield 2, Cliftonville 0; Portadown 3, Ballymena United 1.

FRIDAY GAMES: Division Four: Lincoln City 5, Watford 1; Southport 1, Scunthorpe United 1; Stockthorpe County 1, Reading 1; Tranmere Rovers 3, Cambridge United 2.

DIVISION ONE:
27—Alan Gowling (Newcastle)
26—Ted MacDougall (Norwich)
23—John Duncan (Tottenham)
22—Dennis Tueart (Manchester City)
20—Charlie George (Derby), John Richards (Wolverhampton)

DIVISION TWO:
25—Derek Hales (Charlton)
21—Mike Channon (Southampton)
17—Les Bradd (Notts County)
16—Paul Cheesley (Bristol City)

DIVISION THREE:
31—Dixie McNeil (Hereford), Alan Buckley (Walsall)
25—Fred Binney (Brighton)
23—Peter Silvester (Southend), Ray Clarke (Mansfield).

DIVISION FOUR:
31—Ronnie Moore (Tranmere)
26—Brendan O'Callaghan (Doncaster)
25—John Ward (Lincoln)
24—Mike Kitchen (Doncaster)

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A TRIBUTE TO KASTNER

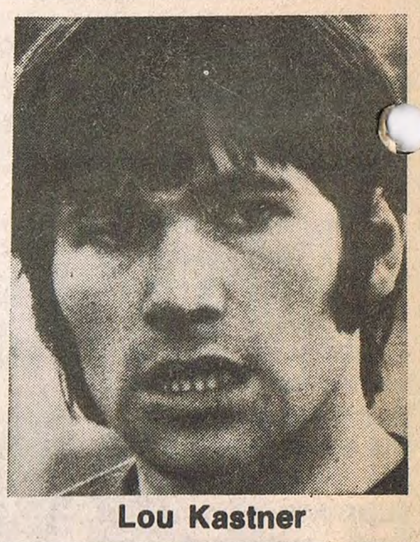
Hellas, Alexander team up for match on April 7

The testimonial match for George Cross' long-serving goalkeeper Lou Kastner will be played at Olympic Park on Wednesday, April 7, at 8 pm.

Jim Mackay

John Sanchez

Bill Vojtek


Lou Kastner

John Daperis

Mendo Ristovski

George Cross has aked through the Victorian Referees; Association, that the match officials be **Geoff Harrison, Roger Lamb** and **Bernie Finnegan**, three retired referees under whom Kastner played much of his soccer.

A George Cross spokesman this week urged all Victorian soccer supporters to come to the match to pay tribute to one of Australia's finest goalkeepers.

The teams will be chosen from:

George Cross select: Kastner, McConville, Maitland, Kelly, J. Webb, Sanchez, Fox, Gorrie, Campbell, Ristovski, Vojtek, Walker, Buljevic.

Hellas - Alexander: Reilly, Kennedy, Pye, Stogiannou, Walker, Xanthopoulos, P. Bannon, Nelson Batticciotto, Bourne, Mackay, Daperis, Gibson, Ollerton, Cummings, Armstrong, Gillan, Nicolaides.

The match will be between a George Cross team which includes top-class guest players, and a Hellas-Alexander combined team.

Proceeds go to Lou Kastner, as a thank-you for the 15 seasons he has given George Cross, not to mention the games he played for Victoria and his service to the 1969 World Cup squad.

The guest players in the George Cross team will include two of Kastner's former team mates, **Archie Campbell**, who now coaches Mooroolbark, and **Branko Buljevic** and **Mendo Ristovski** of JUST, **Billy Vojtek** and **David Gorrie** of Juventus, and **Tommy Fox**, a former team mate of Kastner's now with the Preston Makedonia. Makedonia.

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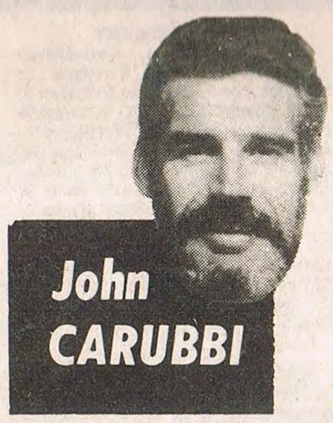
John CARUBBI

Melbourne, 24 marzo

La prima edizione di un quotidiano (in lingua inglese) del pomeriggio di quest'oggi, 24 marzo 1976, è uscita con un titolo a due colonne che pronostica Rale Rasic come favorito nel Gran Steeple Chase al posto di allenatore federale, posto resosi vacante in seguito alle dimissioni dell'inglese Brian Green.

Detto per inciso, l'affrettato ritorno di Green in patria ha fatto giustizia sommaria del malinteso «carattere» e della peggio interpretata fiducia che la Federazione ha voluto, ad ogni costo rispettivamente mostrare al pubblico sportivo australiano e riporre nel signor Green, malgrado le sue disavventure legali.

Comunque, essendo Soccer Action un settimanale sportivo, non più delle suscritte righe è d'uopo dedicare al caso Green. Piuttosto è il «dopo Green» che interessa ora, cioè, come è detto in apertura di articolo, la lotta per l'investitura a National Coach.

Io che scrivo, assolvendo propriamente il compito di cronista, la notizia del «caso allenatore federale» la «fermo» (come si dice in gergo) alla candidatura Rasic e sostengo che il tecnico slavo, alla luce di quanto ottenne tra anni orsono (e malgrado quanto si è scritto e detto) non sarebbe tra le scelte più oculate da parte della A.S.F.

Fra i suoi meriti va senz'altro annoverata una buona dose di fortuna (ingrediente necessarissimo per ogni tipo di successo) ma non credo che in suo favore si possa ripetere l'episodio dello «storico» goal di Jimmy McKay contro i coreani, nella partita di ultimissima qualificazione, o, per lo meno, non credo che sará sufficiente un pallonetto come quello a determinare il valore «mondiale» della nazionale verde oro. Gli strateghi della spedizione australiana in Germania incantarono gli allora e tuttora sprovveduti reggitori del soccer australiano ed i non aggiornati tifosi, e si guadagnarono le simpatie turistiche degli spettatori ai mondiali. Nienti di piú.

Di simpatie e vero rispetto calcistico, ne guadagnarono ben poco, perchè di calcio ne giocarono molto, ma molto poco. Anzi, giacchè scrivo di «strateghi» (come furono definiti dall'euforica stampa australiana), ne fecero giocare molto poco.

A meno che si vogliano considerare «calcio» le palizzate (notate lettori, palizzate e non bunkers) alzate con molto pressapochismo [illegible] davanti a Reilly, in Germania. Quindi, non facciamo un altro papa solo perchè ne è morto uno. Cerchiamolo con oculatezza e professionalismo, in quanto di tempo, anche se non troppo, ce n'è. Soprattutto per il futuro del calcio australiano, non sbagliamo una terza volta!

Se proprio dobbiamo sbagliare ancora, facciamolo dopo aver sondato ogni altra possibilitá che contenga tutte le prerogative necessarie ad andare in Argentina, non per promuovere il turismo australiano, ma per lasciarvi traccia della maggiore etá calcistica che questa nazione dovrebbe ormai aver raggiunto.

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RUBRIKA ZA SVAKOGA

ZIKA NIKOLIC

Dogovorili smo se da nas četvorica naizmenično popunjavamo ovu rubriku u „Soccer Action-u": Čeda Ćirkovic, Branko Buljević, Frank Micić i ja. Ako zaboravimo na moju malenkost, rubrika „Jugoslovenska scena" nije mogla dobiti bolje saradnike, jer prva trojica imaju nogomet u malom prstu.

Ali jedno je znati, a drugo zagrejati stolicu i napisati što znaš, da i drugi imaju koristi od toga.

Zbog toga nas četvorica doživljavamo male nesporazume, pa ostane tome da se ja pojavim više puta uzastopce, iako imam najmanje nogometnog iskustva i znanja.

Ovog puta je bio Micićev red. Prišao sam mu bojažljivo na zadnjem treningu JUST-a, uoči polufinalne utakmice protiv Sunshine City-a i potsetio ga da je postao novinar.

Micić: „Nisam prorok"

– Ti se šališ?! Ja ni majci ne pišem, već kada se uželim kuće odletim u Zadar! Uostalom kad sam raspoložen, sam ću se ponuditi! Radije pišem komentar na već odigranu utakmicu, a tebi i našem Merviću Rodji ostavljam da dajete prognoze...

Trener Čedomir Ćirković nije bio u najboljem raspoloženju, ne zato što je Sunshine City neugodan protivnik, već zbog neočekivane odluke Nogometnog saveza Viktorije da promeni raspored polufinalnih utakmica za Ampol Kup. Evo Ćirine izjave:

– Priznajem da smo svi priželjkivali ulazak Helasa i Aleksandra u polufinale, jer su u stanju da napune stadion. Medjutim, promena polufinalnih utakmica svega 3 dana ranije, stvoriće veliku zabunu medju navijačima, da ne spominjemo nepravdu koja je naneta igračima JUST-a i Sunshine City-a. Bez velike nužde nigde u svetu se tako lako i nepotrebno ne menjaju odluke saveza i raspored takmičenja.

Primetili smo, kad je Ćira ljut onda njegov tim najbolje igra. Nije zgodno zameriti se treneru kad je ljut, rezonuju obično igrači, najviše oni kojima više noge, pa onda zapnu iz petnih žila da se pokažu kako nisu za staro gvoždje.

RUBRIKA ZA SVAKOGA

Ostavimo za trenutak JUST njegovim brigama, koje će sam najbolje rešiti, pa poględajmo koliko ova rubrika može pomoći našim malim i amaterskim klubovima, kao i juniorima.

Pored klubskih vesti objavićemo kratak opis utakmica i sastav timova sa ocenama ukoliko izveštaje dobijemo na vreme.

„Soccer Action" se pojavio da služi nogometu, pa zbog toga zaslužuju našu punu podršku i saradnju.

SMENA NA ČELU TABELE

22. kolo nogometnog prvenstva Jugoslavije bilo je u znaku derbija velike četvorke. Trijumfovali su Zvezda i Hajduk.

Rezultati 22. kola:

VARDAR - VOJVODINA 2:0
Strelac: Šujica 2
BEOGRAD – VELEŽ 1:3
Strelci: Halilhodžić, Okuka, Kostić za Vel. Kostić za Beograd.
SARAJEVO – BUDUĆNOST 1:1
Strelci: Vidović za Sar. i Martinović za Budućnost.
SLOBODA – OLIMPIJA 3:1
Strelci: Mulahasanović, Ferić, Jašarević, za Slobodu i Vožg za Olimpiju.
HAJDUK – DINAMO 2:1
Strelci: Žungul i Mijač za Hajduk, Vabec za Dinamo.
ČELIK – RIJEKA 2:0
Strelci: Radulović i Buza.
RADNIČKI (K) – RADNIČKI (N) 2:1
Strelci: Olarević 2 za R.K. i Stojiljković za R.N.
BORAC – ŽELJEZNIČAR 1:1
Strelci: Bogojević za Borca i Šerbo za Željezničar.
PARTIZAN – C. ZVEZDA 1:4
Strelci: Savić 2, Sušić, Stamenkovic za Zvezdu i Bjeković za Partizan.

Tabela: C. Zvezda 33, Partizan 32, Hajduk 29, Dinamo 28, Velež 24, Čelik 23, Vojvodina 23, Olimpija 22, Borac 22, Sarajevo 19, Budućnost 19, Beograd 19, Sloboda 18, Rijeka 18, Radn. (N) 17, Željezničar 17, Vardar 16, Radn. (K) 16.

Strelci: Vabec 12, Halilhodžić 11, Bjeković 11, Savić 10, Filipović 9, Žungul 9, Ibrahimbegović 9, Šljivo 8, Sušić 8, Geca 8, Jurišić 8, Stamenković 8 itd.

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Kanadska Croatia je ipak stigla taxi-avionima u Whyalla-u (J.A.) gde je u nedelju porazila provincijsku reprezentaciju sa 3:0.

Prijateljska utakmica: BEOGRAD – Azurri 5:4 (4:3). Strelci: Janković u 12. i 16. minutu, Smythe 26. m., Kamleitner 28. m. i Davaltidis 89. m. Beograd je na ovoj utakmici isprobao 16 igrača.

U nedelju 4.4.1976. „Beograd" održava PIKNIK na svom igralištu u Woodville-u. Igralište je otvoreno od zore do mraka. Zabavan program, domaću atmosferu i jugoslovenske specijalitete obećavaju organizatori.

SYDNEY

Druga liga: JUGAL – Ancliff Scotts 3:1. Strelci za Jugal: Joe Alagić u 24. m., Lupevski u 33. i 76. minutu.

Sastav Jugala: Krunopolis 7, S. Trkulja 6, Coverty 6, Veljković 5, Takač 7, Pregomelja 8, J. Alagić 7, M. Alagić 7, Lupevski 8, Perry 7, Haues 6.

Iako je igrao bez Velkovskog Jugal je pružio dopadljivu i korisnu igru.

Iduće subote 3. 4. 1976. na Marks Fieldu igra se jugoslovenski derbi druge lige Sidneja: Jugal – Avala.

U nedelju je stigao u Sydney igrač Velež Ivo Prskalo. Nastupiće danas za Marconi, koji trenira Zvonko Rašić–Rale.

Odložena je utakmica Avale, jer je igralište zbog kiše bilo neupotrebljivo. Za Avalu su potpisali sledeći igrači: golman Howell iz Auburn-a, Battler iz Bankstowna i Spilarewitz iz Polonije.

The Richmond Old Boys team is a side that would dish out a lesson to most soccer teams.

Since its formation the club has won two championships in the Thirds competition.

It went through unbeaten in 1974 and last season dropped only two matches to win the championship.

The Richmond old boys side includes some former top line State League players.

Goalkeeper Bayerl played with Juventus, Schumacher with J.U.S.T. and Kleinert with Lions.

Dieter Voigt, who plays when the side is short, was a former Croatia and Juventus star.

Feige, a former centre forward with St. Albans, adds extra bite to the attack.

In most matches the team gives opponents a big start — there is about 100 years difference in ages ... but this hasn't stopped the team from winning against some firsts sides, including Siemens, Standard, and Kyneton.

Bubi Weiland is the side's chief goalscorer.

The team from left to right is: Front row: Berger, Bertolla, Bayeri, A. Kleinert, Weiland. Back row: Steinbern, Walke, W. Kleinert, Zander, Sammann, Schumacher, Hensel.

PETER SWEENEY looks at the Victorian Metropolitan and Provisional Leagues.

SWAP LIKELY FOR LOPATIC

State League club Juventus is interested in obtaining veteran player Marjan Lopatic.

Lopatic, about 30, played with Frankston City last year, after spending most of his years with Footscray JUST.

Officials from Juventus and Frankston City are negotiating and a swap between players is likely to take place.

Lopatic has recently shifted to Melton.

Frankston, and brilliant forward Billy Buchanan, seem to have settled their differences and it's certain Buchanan will play for the club this year.

Frankston has cleared winger John Irvine to nearby Chelsea for a sum of $400.

The club will receive sponsorship — on a small scale — from many local businesses for the 1976 season.

CHELSEA IS READY

Third division Metropolitan club Chelsea does not hide the fact that it's aiming to win promotion this year.

Chelsea is rarin' to go . . . it has a new high class pitch at the Edithvale Reserve, new rooms, new players and members, and most of all, renewed enthusiasm and will to succeed.

Chelsea's interest in making itself a force and promoting soccer in general was evident at a well organised promotional night run by the club last week.

The theme of the smorgasbord type meeting was to try and get businessmen interested in supporting the club through advertising.

South Melbourne Hellas winger Alan Quinn has been cleared to first division Metropolitan club Albion Revers. Quinn came to Australia from Scotland last year.

The attendance was poor when one considers the many hours of work put into it by the committee — but those who went enjoyed it.

Guest speakers at the meeting were the Mayor of Chelsea, Cr Tom Johnson, and the secretary of the Victorian Soccer Federation, Mr George Wallace.

Both delivered excellent speeches on soccer in Chelsea and the sport as a whole.

Chelsea's new ground and changing rooms will be a great asset to the club, as the set up is one of the most modern in Victoria.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

POSTAL SEALS THE GOOD MAIL

South division side Postal Institute will field a junior side for the first time in the club's five year history.

The club has had such a big response that it may have to field two junior teams.

Postal Institute has never finished further down than fourth since its inception in Victorian soccer.

The club has two senior sides and its aim this season is to win promotion to the Provisional League.

LOVE TO GREEN

Three senior Greensborough players are training with Metropolitan clubs.

But the loss has not rocked the club — Neil Love has been appointed coach and a lot of the younger players are showing top form on the training track.

YOUNG TOMS

Thomastown — undefeated 1975 north division champion — has a big chance to win promotion to the Provisional League.

The club this year has the same talent and a stronger organisation. Average age of the side is 21, one of the youngest in Victoria.

TOP CREEK

Diamond Creek is living up to the promise it showed two years ago.

Dedicated pre-season training and a healthy recruiting campaign will mean a successful season during 1976.

PATI VALE

New coach Frank Pati plans to uplift the standard of soccer at Pascoe Vale.

Three star players — John Tilevski, Miho Dzanovski and Tom Medelkovski — hold the key to the Vale's success.

This year the club will play on McDonald reserve in Bell Street Coburg.

Pascoe Vale is negotiating to sign a goalkeeper and a few youngsters with the view to building up the side.

ARDA's 'CLAVA

Balaclava will be coached for the second successive year by Arda Aslangul.

The side, who have tons of new faces, hope to go better than last year when it finished well down the list — mainly due to injuries.

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PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

Ὅσοι ἀρχίσατε νὰ ὀργανώνετε ταξίδια στὶς διάφορες πόλεις τῆς Αὐστραλίας ἀκολουθῶντας τὴν ὁμάδα σας στὸ . . . Ἐθνικὸ Πρωτάθλημα, σίγουρα θὰ ἔχετε ἀπογοητευθῆ μὲ τὶς δηλώσεις τῶν ἰθυνόντων ὅτι δὲν πρόκειται νὰ δημιουργηθῆ Ἐθνικὸ Πρωτάθλημα. Καὶ ὅμως ὑπάρχουν ἀκόμη ἐλπίδες νὰ δῆτε τὸ Σύδνεϋ καὶ τὴν Ἀδελαΐδα! Ἀλλὰ μόνον αὐτές, διότι ἔτσι ἔχουν ἀποφασίσει οἱ ἰθύνοντες. Πρὶν μερικὲς μέρες ἐκπρόσωποι τῆς Βικτωρίας, N.N.O. καὶ Νοτίου Αὐστραλίας, συνεδρίασαν ὡς γνωστὸν στὴν Μελβούρνη καὶ ὁμοφώνως — ἐπὶ τέλους — ἐζήτησαν τὴν ἐκπληκτικὴ καὶ πρωτότυπη ἰδέα τῆς διοργανώσεως τοῦ ... Ἐθνικοῦ Πρωταθλήματος μὲ..... τρεῖς πολιτεῖες: Σύδνεϋ, Μελβούρνη καὶ Ἀδελαΐδα! Φυσικὰ τὴν διοργάνωση τὴν ὀνόμασαν «Διαπολιτειακὸ Κύπελλο ἤ «Ἴντερ-Σταίητ Κάπ», ἂν θέλετε!

Ναί, ἔχετε ἀπόλυτο δίκαιο. Ἔχετε ξαναμαθεῖ ἤ ξαναδῆ αὐτὴ τὴν διοργάνωση ποὺ ἔγινε πρὶν ἀπὸ μερικὰ χρόνια καὶ ποὺ δὲν ξανάγινε διότι οἱ ὁμάδες χρεωκόπησαν!

Τότε ἦταν ποὺ κάποιος εἶχε τὴν φαεινὴ ἰδέα: «Νὰ ἱδρύσουμε τὴν Ἐθνικὴ Κατηγορία» ! ! Ἐνθουσιασμός, συνεδριάσεις, ἀνέπνευσαν οἱ παῖκτες ποὺ ἐπὶ τέλους θὰ ἀντιμετώπιζαν καινούργια πρόσωπα, συμφωνίες, δηλώσεις, ἀποχωρήσεις καὶ στὸ τέλος..... τίποτα! Οἱ ἰθύνοντες κατέληξαν στὸ συμπέρασμα ὅτι εἶναι νωρὶς γιὰ Ἐθνικὴ Κατηγορία, διότι πολλοὶ Σύλλογοι δὲν ἔχουν χρήματα! Τώρα ἂν οἱ σύλλογοι αὐτοὶ ξοδεύουν χιλιάδες δολλάρια γιὰ τὴν ἀγορὰ παικτῶν γιὰ ἕνα Τοπικὸ Πρωτάθλημα, αὐτὸ εἶναι ἄλλο θέμα.

Ἔτσι λοιπὸν συνέλαβαν τὴν ἐκπληκτικὴ αὐτὴ ἰδέα τῆς διοργανώσεως τοῦ «Ἴντερ - Σταίητ Κάπ», τὸ ὁποῖο νὰ εἶσθε σίγουροι ὅτι εἶναι καταδικασμένο σὲ ἀποτυχία καὶ φυσικὰ οἰκονομικὸ παθητικὸ τῶν ὁμάδων. Διότι τί θὰ συμβῆ ἂν κατὰ διαβολικὴ τύχη οἱ τέσσερεις πρῶτες ὁμάδες τῆς Βικτωρίας στὸ νέο πρωτάθλημα εἶναι ἀπὸ τὶς μικρές, ποὺ μὲ τὸ ζόρι φτάνουν ὅλες μαζὶ τοὺς 1,000 ὀπαδούς; Ἀπαισιόδοξη ἴσως ὑπόθεση, ἀλλὰ στὸ ποδόσφαιρο ὅλα συμβαίνουν. Ἀκόμη καὶ μὲ τὶς λεγόμενες μεγάλες ὁμάδες νὰ γίνη ἡ διοργάνωση οἱ παῖκτες θὰ ὑποχρεωθοῦν νὰ παίξουν περίπου 50 ἑβδομάδες ποδόσφαιρο χωρὶς διακοπή! Ἂν θυμηθοῦμε τὸ πόσο κουρασμένοι ἦταν στὸ περιττὸ ἐκεῖνο Κύπελλο τοῦ Σταίητ Λήγκ, μποροῦμε ἀπὸ τώρα νὰ σχηματίσουμε μία ἰδέα γιὰ τὴν ποιότητα τοῦ Ἴντερ - Σταίητ Κάπ».

Ἀκόμη αὐτοὶ οἱ ἴδιοι ποὺ συνεφώνησαν γιὰ τὴν διοργάνωση, πέρυσι ἔκαναν παράπονα ὅτι οἱ ὁμάδες κουράζονται σὲ περιττὲς διοργανώσεις!

Ἀποκλείεται λοιπὸν νὰ θέλουν τὴν χρεωκοπία, ἀλλὰ συμφωνοῦν ν' ὁδηγηθοῦν σ' αὐτή! Δὲν θέλουν ἀκόμη τὴν Ἐθνικὴ Κατηγορία, ἀλλὰ ἐπιχειροῦν ἕνα εἶδος δοκιμῆς ἂν καὶ οἱ ἴδιοι ἀρνοῦνται ὅτι πρόκειται περὶ δοκιμῆς. Τὶ κρύβεται λοιπὸν πίσω ἀπὸ αὐτὲς τὶς μανοῦβρες καὶ τὰ ἡμίμετρα; Κάποιος θὰ πρέπει νὰ κρατᾶ τὸ κλειδὶ τοῦ μυστηρίου, ἀλλὰ λόγω ὑπερβολικῆς συντηρητικότητος τὶς σιωπᾶ!

Ἡ Ἐθνικὴ Κατηγορία εἶναι ἡ μόνη λύση γιὰ τὴν πρόοδο τοῦ ποδοσφαίρου στὴν Αὐστραλία. Τὰ ἡμίμετρα, μόνο στενοκεφαλιὰ τῶν ἰθυνόντων ἀποδεικνύουν! Καιρὸς εἶναι λοιπὸν νὰ σταματήση αὐτὴ ἡ κοροϊδία εἰς βάρος τῶν φιλάθλων.

Π. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ.

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FORGET NAMES – WHAT ABOUT FINANCE, PROMOTION?

National League priorities wrong

RALE RASIC

I agree with many other people including Ray Richards ("Soccer Action", March 17) that asking clubs to change their names for the proposed national league constitutes putting the cart before the horse.

Why should we take the risk of alienating the present club supporters when we have so many other problems to solve?

We don't yet have adequate sponsorship, adequate playing strength or a stable financial base at club level.

With all these shortcomings, we are talking about jeopardising soccer's present support by forcing clubs to change their names.

I speak for the people who worked so hard to build up clubs from scratch and who now face the threat of seeing their clubs lose their traditions.

I don't think Bondi Rovers would attract more spectators than Hakoah.

It is the glamor and novelty of a national league that will draw the spectators and the teams that will get the most are those that play the best soccer.

Youngsters will be attracted to a club not because of its name but because they know that club will treat them well and that it will give them proper tuition.

St George has done wonders with juniors over the years and Marconi, my own club, is fielding more local players than probably any other Sydney First Division club.

Now why should Marconi or St George change their names?

Let's take the case of APIA. It has 13,000 members and it has a responsibility to those members.

There is a tradition to maintain. APIA realised this when it declared some time ago that it would never change its name.

The simple fact which our federations seem to want to ignore is that Australia has a multi-national society made up of people who are proud of their background.

By forcing them to discard names which remind them of this background, you are hurting their feelings.

Nobody would like to see a successful national league kicking off more than I would, but I would not like to see us alienating the people who have supported the game for so long.

Let's concentrate our efforts on the more important things.

Have we decided how we will meet the travelling costs?

Are we examining closely enough the clubs that are applying for membership of the national league?

Some of them are not financially sound enough and by accepting them, we are creating even more problems.

Have we resolved the matter of promotion and relegation?

There's one proposal that I find utterly ridiculous.

This is that the least successful team from a particular State should be relegated.

In other words, if APIA is the least successful NSW team, finishing in fourth place on the ladder, behind the three other NSW teams, then APIA would go down.

At the same time, the team that finishes much further down the table will stay in because it comes from a different State.

It's ludicrous!

In my opinion, there should be a settling-down period of two or three years, during which there is no promotion and relegation.

During this time, the clubs have a chance to strengthen themselves financially and team-wise.

After that, promotion and relegation should operate the same way as it does in any other league, regardless of which State is hurt.

If seven Sydney clubs or seven Melbourne clubs happen to be the strongest in the country, then they should all be in the national league.

If there were to be relegation in the first year, I'm quite sure the Queensland club would go down. The standard in Queensland simply isn't good enough yet.

Brisbane's representative, as well as all the other national league clubs, will have to invest between $50,000 and $60,000 on players before the league kicks off.

If any club decides this is not necessary, it will become the punching bag of all the others, and it would play to empty stands.

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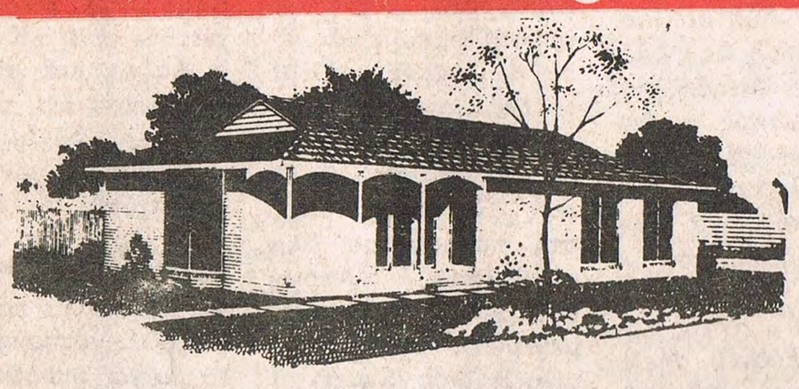

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WARREN

Former national captain John Warren

NADI, FIJI: This season is a strange one for me. For the first time in 18 years I have no direct affiliation with a club.

I had five years with Canterbury as a player and then 13 years as player, captain, public relations officer, coach and manager of St George Budapest.

The last six or seven of these at St George were full time, so my absence from club soccer has left a large vacuum in my life.

Despite having studied for an Economics Degree at the University of NSW for four years I don't feel like returning to my economics career.

Soccer is my life, and my job, and since departing from Saints I have been kept busy with soccer promotions in and around Sydney and in the country areas of NSW.

Lightning Ridge, Dubbo, Forster, Armidale, Taree, Griffith, Coffs Harbour, Wyong, Budgewoi, Orange and Wingham are some of the country areas I've visited talking to coaches, promoting at schools, training with junior and senior players.

This has all led me to my latest promotion in Fiji.

I am here at the invitation of one of Fiji's newspapers to promote the game, help out with the coaching structures and go into schools.

It all started when I looked after two of Fiji's star players who were in Sydney earlier this year.

I took them for two days' intensive coaching and my family showed them the sights of Sydney for three days.

Fijian soccer, like Australian, is desperately trying to improve its standards, but unlike Australia lacks any real finance.

The players themselves lack the basics even though the Fijian himself has all the attributes to be a tremendous athlete. He is strong, fast, agile and has good physical attributes.

We plan to visit all the schools in and around Nadi, Suva, Lautoka, Labasa and Ba.

We have also booked cinemas in the different centres to show two hours of soccer films which I have brought along with me.

After my stint is over here I will be in a better position to comment on Fijian soccer, so I will leave any observations till then.

At the moment I am delighted to be here to assist in any way possible.

Fijian soccer is keen to develop links with Australia so any interested parties may contact me c/- "Soccer Action".

At the end of '75, St George Budapest third grade team of which my brother Ross is the coach, visited Fiji for a three-match tour.

*** In my travels I will come across the ground, just outside of Suva, which is the possible venue for the Australia-Taiwan World Cup elimination matches next year.**

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